

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 308

Approved September 7, 2022

WHEREAS, Roger Williams Park Zoo, the 3rd oldest zoo in the country celebrates its 150th birthday this year; and

WHEREAS, What started as a scattered collection of small animals purely for entertainment has today evolved into one of our region's foremost centers for conservation and environmental education; and

WHEREAS, As leaders in conservation and animal care, Roger Williams Park Zoo provides engaging experiences that empower guests to learn and join in conserving wildlife and wild places; and

WHEREAS, The Zoo is the most visited single attraction in Rhode Island, with a record 835,000 visitors last year; and

WHEREAS, The Roger Williams Park Zoo was the first zoo in New England to earn accreditation from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA); and

WHEREAS, The Zoo's educational programs directly touch more than 138,000 learners of all ages each year; and

WHEREAS, The Zoo's national and international conservation efforts have been recognized with more than 20 awards from AZA and the US Fish and Wildlife Service over the past 2 decades; and

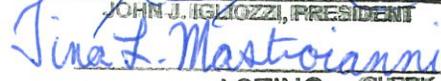
WHEREAS, The zoo has played a key role in educating guests from New England and beyond about the importance of wildlife and wild places while providing the community with a safe, accessible, and fun place to enjoy time together.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby celebrates the 150<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Roger Williams Zoo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council also recognizes all advocacy efforts of the Rhode Island Zoological Society which has championed increased public awareness since 1962.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence and the Rhode Island Zoological Society.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
SEP 01 2022  
READ AND PASSED

  
JOHN J. IGLIZZI, PRESIDENT  
  
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ACTING CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
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Mayor  
Date: 9/7/22