

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 239

Approved May 1, 2019

WHEREAS, On February 23, 2019, the contract between Stop & Shop and The United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) union expired; and

WHEREAS, In early March 2019, local chapters of UFCW in Massachusetts and Rhode Island voted to authorize a strike due to contract disputes with Stop & Shop; and

WHEREAS, The contract dispute centers around health insurance, pensions, and vacation time; and

WHEREAS, On Thursday afternoon, April 11, Stop & Shop employees across New England walked off the job in protest of the proposed contract from Stop & Shop; and

WHEREAS, Since their initial walkout, UFCW employees have continued to be on strike as contract negotiations persist; and

WHEREAS, Chief among their concerns are an increase in health insurance premiums, cashiers being replaced by automated self-checkout, the changes to vacation days, and potential changes to retirement benefits; and

WHEREAS, It is of the utmost importance for the health and vitality of our city that workers receive fair and reasonable contracts that provide good wages and health coverage.

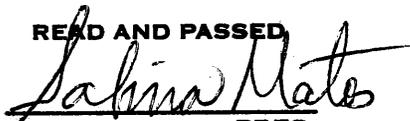
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council strongly supports the members of the The United Food and Commercial Workers Local 328 in their demands for a fair contract from Stop & Shop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to Stop & Shop management.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**APR 22 2019**

**READ AND PASSED**

  
**PRES.**

  
**CLERK**

**I HEREBY APPROVE.**

  
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**Mayor**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

5/1/19