

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 102

Approved March 11, 2021

WHEREAS, International Women's Day is celebrated globally every year on March 8;
and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council recognizes the unique contributions that women of all ages, races, religions and stations are making to the City of Providence, their local communities, families and careers; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council recognizes that the empowerment of women and girls is inextricably linked to the potential of our City to generate (A) economic growth; (B) sustainable democracy; and (C) inclusive security; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council recognizes the barriers woman and girls continue facing in the struggle for equal rights, economic participation, and productivity; and are underrepresented in the labor force; and

WHEREAS, Despite the achievements of individual female leaders, women remain vastly underrepresented in high-level positions across various sectors of the global economy; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council remains committed to empowering all women and girls, and is proud of its history making female majority; and

WHEREAS, Every year the women of the City council come together to create an International Women's Day celebration and to honor an inspiring woman in the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, On November 18, 2020 fourteen-year-old Anaija Sanaa Griffin of Providence passed away after a long, courageous battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Through her illness, Anaija amazed and inspired her parents, family, friends and teachers with her enduring commitment to her education, her unwavering spirit and humor, and her mischievous and ever so present smirk and twinkle in her eyes; and

WHEREAS, With a love for donuts, reading, baking, The Simpsons and Paris, Anaija's sparkling personality shone bright through the many trials of childhood illness; and

WHEREAS, As a loving daughter, protective little sister, and amazing friend, Anaija touched the lives of all who knew her.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council recognizes Monday, March 8 2021 as International Women's Day, in celebration of the diverse tapestry of women and girls who enrich the City of Providence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Providence City Council reaffirms its commitment to encouraging social, political, and economic equality; as well as to ensure the safety and welfare; and to pursue policies that guarantee the basic human rights of women and girls.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council renames its annual International Women's Day Award to the Anaija Strong: The She-Ro Within Award, in honor of the life and memory of Anaija Sanaa Griffin.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 4 2021

READ AND PASSED


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I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor
Date: 3/11/21