

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 259

Approved June 6, 2013

WHEREAS, The national organization Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) has been supporting and advocating on behalf of its constituents for forty (40) years through its 350 chapters; and

WHEREAS, PFLAG did not have a Rhode Island chapter when Myra Shays arrived in Providence from New York City in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Myra Shays took it upon herself to found the Greater Providence Chapter of PFLAG in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding, PFLAG has been a life-line to hundreds of parents and families, guiding them through the journey to understand the sexual orientation of their LGBT children and eventually to come to full acceptance of the gift that their LGBT children are to their families; and

WHEREAS, Under Myra's leadership, PFLAG takes an immediate personal interest in every newcomer who arrives; and

WHEREAS, Myra has contributed generously of her own time to lead monthly support group meetings and to support parents and families through innumerable conversations, telephone calls and emails; and

WHEREAS, Myra Shays was a valiant supporter of the LGBT community, their families and the freedom of LGBT people to marry by:

Testifying countless times before the General Assembly

Marching in Gay Pride parades

Staffing a Gay Pride booth at the Gay Pride Festival

Publishing numerous letters to the editor and opinion pieces; and

WHEREAS, Myra Shays also has been a pillar of community through her service at Hadassah, the Jewish Seniors Agency, Temple Habonim in Barrington and as a volunteer judge for the Academic Decathlon, among other pursuits.

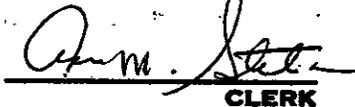
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council offers its heartiest congratulations to Myra Shays on her fifteen (15) years of service in founding, nurturing and bringing success and stability to the Greater Providence Chapter of Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbians and Gays.

IN CITY COUNCIL

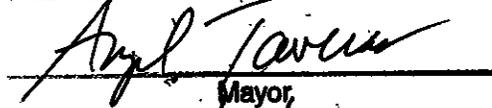
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Mayor

Date: 6/6/13