

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No. 301*

**Approved July 10, 2023**

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council recognizes the incredible historical significance of Cape Verdean Independence Day, which commemorates the liberation of Cape Verde from Portuguese colonial rule; and

WHEREAS, The City Council acknowledges the important contributions made by Cape Verdeans to the United States, enriching the cultural, social, and economic fabric of the City of Providence and our nation; and

WHEREAS, Cape Verdeans have a long history of immigrating to the US in places like Fox Point in the City of Providence, seeking new opportunities and a better life for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, Cape Verdean Independence Day, celebrated annually on July 5th and via the Cape Verdean Festival at India Point Park, serves as an opportunity to honor the resilience, courage, and determination of the Cape Verdean people in their fight for freedom and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, Cape Verdean immigrants have demonstrated resilience, perseverance, and a strong work ethic, making valuable contributions to various sectors, including education, healthcare, business, arts and culture, public service, and more; and

WHEREAS, Cape Verdean Americans have played an instrumental role in fostering diversity, promoting multiculturalism, and contributing to the development and growth of our city; and

WHEREAS, The Cape Verdean community has actively preserved and celebrated its rich, traditions, cultural heritage, and music, thereby enhancing the cultural landscape of the City of Providence and promoting cross-cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, It is important to recognize and appreciate the positive impact of Cape Verdean Americans on our community and their efforts to bridge cultural divides, promote inclusivity, and strengthen the bonds of unity among residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby recognizes and celebrates the significant contributions made by Cape Verdean Americans, particularly to the City of Providence and to the United State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby declares its support for the commemoration of Cape Verdean Independence Day on July 5th each year and encourages all residents to join in celebrating this significant milestone in Cape Verde's history; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council extends its warmest wishes to the Cape Verdean community and expresses gratitude for their contributions to the city's cultural diversity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to The Rhode Island Cape Verdean Heritage Committee, the Cape Verdena Social Club, The Fox Point Cape Verdean Heritage Place, Cape Verdean American Community Development and the Cape Verdean Museum Exhibit.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
JUL 06 2023  
READ AND PASSED

Rachel Miller  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
Tina L. Mastrolucchi  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Brett P. Smiley  
Mayor  
Date: 7/10/2023