

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 409

EFFECTIVE ~~Approved~~ October 15, 2006

WHEREAS, The City of Providence recognizes the importance of Brown University culturally and economically to this city, being the seventh largest private employer in the State of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence recognizes that both Providence and Brown University are prosperous and growing; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence recognizes that the hard-working people of Rhode Island are the foundation upon which this prosperity is built; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence recognizes that among these hard working people are the Dining Service employees at Brown University who feed thousands of students every day; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence affirms that this prosperity should be shared with the workers who make it possible; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence affirms that hard work should be rewarded through good jobs, and that all hard-working people and their families should have access to affordable, quality health care; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence recognizes that the health of the citizens of this city is not only of moral importance but is economically valuable because it results in a more productive workforce and reduces the cost of medical care that the whole community must bear; and

WHEREAS, Currently over one third of Brown University Dining Service workers do not have access to affordable health care; and

Council President Lombardi, Councilman Allen. Aponte, Butler, DeFuen, Councilman
Carrilman Degeal, DePuezo, Councilman Hassett, J. G. Ives, Jackson, Kenna, Mancini, Councilman Romano,
Williams & Young

WHEREAS, Brown University has had a history of commitment to good jobs, with a report commissioned by Brown University, published by Appleseed Inc. of New York City in 2005 finding that, "Brown University has been an active partner in efforts to create high-quality jobs in Rhode Island;" and

WHEREAS, Brown University has demonstrated a commitment to public health in the State of Rhode Island, with the same report by Appleseed Inc. finding that, "Brown Medical School, the Program in Public Health, and the University's affiliated hospitals together offer a wide range of programs that aim to improve the health of people in Providence and throughout the state".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence encourages Brown University to agree to a contract with the Brown Dining Service workers that rewards the hard work with wages that are reflective of the prosperity of the University and with affordable quality health care for all workers, so that they and their families are able go to the doctor when sick and healthy.

IN CITY COUNCIL
OCT 5 2006
READ AND PASSED

Josephine DiFuzzo
ACTING PRES.

Anna M. Stetson
CLERK

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Mayor's Signature:

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