

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 597

Approved September 16, 1994

WHEREAS, The improper use of prescription medicines is a pervasive public health problem, and

WHEREAS, Nearly two billion prescriptions are dispensed annually and up to half of these medicines are used incorrectly, contributing to prolonged illness, avoidable side effects and interactions, unnecessary hospitalizations and even death, and

WHEREAS, About one in every three Americans is receiving no information from their health care professionals about the medicines they are prescribed before they take them, and

WHEREAS, America's older consumers and chronic disease sufferers are at increased risk from the consequences of uninformed multiple medicine use, and

WHEREAS, Over 200 million prescriptions are written annually for children and teenagers, whose incorrect use of parallels that of adults, and

WHEREAS, The **National Council on Patient Information and Education** (NCPPIE) a coalition of 372 organizations established in 1982 representing medicine, pharmacy, nursing, dentistry, allied health professions, managed care organizations such as **United Health Plans of New England, Inc.**, consumer groups, government, industry, and voluntary health agencies, is committed to improving communication about prescription medicines, and

WHEREAS, Health care professionals, hospitals, voluntary health and human services agencies support this National effort to promote safe and effective medicine use by citizens of all ages in Rhode Island and will participate with local awareness campaigns and educational programs in October, 1994 and beyond, and

WHEREAS, The month October, 1994, has been designated as "**Talk About Prescriptions**" Month with the theme, "Communication is Good Medicine",

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Council do hereby proclaim the month of October, of 1994 as: "Talk About Prescriptions" Month in Providence and call upon all citizens to observe this important event by educating themselves about the prescription medicines they use and by seeking advice from their health care professional about how to use the medicines prescribed for them safely and effectively.

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