

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 196

Approved April 21, 2021

WHEREAS, Section 206(a)(4) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 provides that in the event an incumbent elected official resigns, the City Council shall declare the office held by the resigned official vacant; and

WHEREAS, The resignation of the Honorable Sabina Matos on April 14, 2021 has caused a vacancy to exist in the Office of Member of City Council from the Fifteenth Ward; and

WHEREAS, On December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, all liquor licenses in the City of Providence are up for renewal which can cost an establishment approximately \$3,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Said vacancy did occur more than one hundred eighty (180) days before the time of holding the next succeeding regular city election; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Section 206(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, the City Council shall call a Special Election for the purpose of filling a vacancy for the remainder of such person's term, such special election to occur within ninety (90) days of the date of the occurrence of said vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Section 17-5-3 of the General Law of the State of Rhode Island provides that a primary election for the nomination of such city or town officials shall be held and the local board shall fix the date thereof; provided, however, that said primary election shall have been held by the thirtieth (30) day preceding the date fixed for said election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to Section 206(a)(1) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, the City Council declares that a vacancy exists in the Office of Member of the City Council from the Fifteenth Ward caused by the resignation of the Honorable Sabina Matos; and that in accordance with Section 206(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, the City Council does hereby order that a Special Election be held for the purpose of filling said vacancy within ninety (90) days of said occurrence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Canvassers and Registration of the City of Providence, and all other officers whose duty it is to prepare for elections, are hereby requested and notified to make such preparations for said Special Election as required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk is directed to cause a certified copy of this Resolution to be transmitted to the Board of Canvassers and Registration and also that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the State Board of Elections and to the Honorable Secretary of State.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
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READ AND PASSED

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor

Date:

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