

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 86

Approved February 23, 1978

WHEREAS, Following the recent snow storm in the Northeastern Part of our Country, which apparently affected the State of Rhode Island more adversely than the other Sections of the Northeast Corridor, State Public Passenger Service was afforded the Citizens of our State, and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority Buses were mobilized to transport passengers, gratuitously, to assist them in local travel, which proved most effective and which aided citizens desiring to do business in Downtown Providence, and

WHEREAS, The Redevelopment Plans for downtown Providence include restrictions on auto traffic, and

WHEREAS, People should become accustomed to using bus transportation if we are to insure patronage of downtown businesses, and

WHEREAS, Providence could become a National model of how central cities could be revived and downtown traffic reduced, and

WHEREAS, The initial days of the free bus service have proven the service to be effective in reducing traffic congestion and air pollution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the State of Rhode Island is hereby urged to continue to fund this program, or to seek federal funds for its continuation, for a trial period of at least one month and to continue the program permanently if it proves to be a success and that free fare should apply to all persons who go into the Downtown Area whether they be shoppers or workers.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
FEB 16 1978  
READ AND PASSED

*Ralph Fugate* PRES.  
*Rose M. Mendonca* CLERK

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MAY  
*Vincenta. Lewis*  
FEB 23 1978

Councilman Gavan

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