

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 108

Approved February 26, 1993

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WHEREAS, The Facility's siting puts tens of thousands of people at risk in Providence, East Providence, Cranston, Warwick and other Cities in the Metropolitan Area because of the extreme hazards of LNG, which are recognized in R.I.G.L. 39-1-2.1, and

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WHEREAS, The technology and regulations for siting and constructing LNG facilities have advanced considerably since the early 1970's, and

WHEREAS, Serious concerns, founded on Government and Scientific Documents, have been raised about the safety and necessity of the Facility, and

WHEREAS, The recent investigative report on the Facility by the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers has not resolved such concerns,

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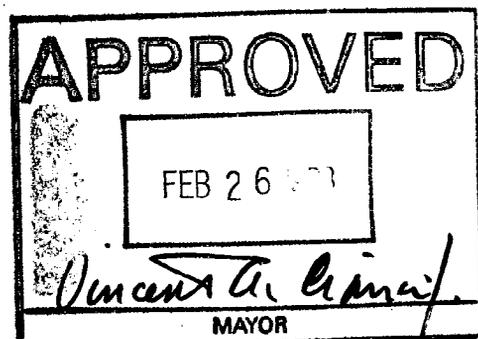
IN CITY COUNCIL

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PRES.

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