



RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 287

EFFECTIVE June 28, 2021

WHEREAS, State and local governments have begun lifting COVID restrictions to get back to a pre-pandemic status as a result of the growing number of people getting vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, Public health and medical organizations have expressed their concerns around the presence of human waste in the area around Kennedy Plaza and as a result, Governor McKee and the general public have called upon the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) to reopen the Kennedy Plaza public restrooms; and

WHEREAS, Despite the increasing demand for access to basic sanitation from elected officials and the general public, RIPTA has refused to reopen the public restrooms at Kennedy Plaza without providing a satisfactory explanation for basis of their decision; and

WHEREAS, With the return to normalcy and the resulting expected increase in usage of public transportation and pedestrian movements around Kennedy Plaza, reopening the public restrooms is becoming a pressing public safety concern as without the restrooms there will be a significant risk of unsanitary conditions in the Plaza.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence hereby calls upon RIPTA to immediately reopen the Kennedy Plaza public restrooms in the interests of public health and safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the honorable Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Mayor of Providence, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUN 17 2021
READ AND PASSED


JOHN J. IGLIZZI, PRESIDENT

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature


Shawn Selleck
City Clerk