

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 455

Approved August 8, 1986

WHEREAS, WBRU (AM) is the oldest campus radio station in continuous operation in the United States, and

WHEREAS, This year WBRU (AM) celebrates its golden anniversary, far advanced from the days of its first broadcast in 1936 from the dormitory room of student enthusiasts who had built their own equipment with 30,000 feet of wiring. Known as the Gas Pipe Networks, it began with a few hours in the evening, and soon had its student reporters out on the road to cover Providence news, football, and campus events, and even presenting a morning show, "Jam For Your Breakfast", whose very name evokes the sweet vigor of the period in the memory of its contemporaries, and

WHEREAS, The Brown Station was the founding station of the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System, now the national leader in college radio broadcasting, and was the first to broadcast the inauguration of a college president when it covered the installation of Henry Wriston in 1937, and

WHEREAS, WBRU (FM), awarded First Place for its 1984 Rhode Island election coverage by Associated Press for its "Sunday Viewpoint" for three consecutive years, this year celebrates its twentieth anniversary. In operation since February 21, 1966, the FM station has come to be the choice of connoisseurs of rock and jazz programming, a leader in successful support of the community projects, and the forum for the minority causes and culture in its "360° Black Experience", and

WHEREAS, The goals of Brown Broadcasting Services, Inc. are to bring the many fine educational and entertainment features the University has to offer to the people, while serving as an educational workshop in radio for the students of Brown University, and

WHEREAS, WBRU is recognized as an unique experience for students and a valuable asset to the good and welfare of the community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby extends its congratulations to WBRU AM-FM on their respective anniversaries, and its best wishes for continued success in the future, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be and she hereby is authorized and directed to transmit a duly certified copy of this Resolution to Douglas E. Mayer, Vice President/General Manager, Brown Broadcasting Services, Inc.

IN CITY COUNCIL

AUG 7 1986

READ AND PASSED

*Michael W. Eaton*  
PRES.

APPROVED

AUG 8 1986

*John L. P...*

Councilman Turner