

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 42

Approved January 23, 2023

WHEREAS, On January 2, 2023, former Rhode Island Governor Lincoln Carter Almond passed away at age 86; and

WHEREAS, He was the devoted son of the late Thomas Clifton and Elsie Carter Almond, and the proud younger brother of the late Thomas C. Almond, Jr; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Central Falls High School, he attended the University of Rhode Island and Boston University School of Law. He was inducted into both the Central Falls City Hall of Fame and the Central Falls High Athletic Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Governor Almond was a dedicated public servant who served as Lincoln's Town Administrator from 1963 to 1969. He had the foresight to preserve open space and strategically balance residential and industrial development; and

WHEREAS, He subsequently served as U.S. Attorney for over 20 years, receiving his original appointment to that post in 1969. He was re-appointed by President Reagan in 1981 and served until 1993. He emphasized enforcement in the area of organized crime, drugs and white-collar crime, including corruption; and

WHEREAS, As the State's top Federal Prosecutor, he successfully took on organized crime and public corruption and was a trusted policy advisor to multiple U.S. Attorneys General; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, he was elected Governor of the State of Rhode Island and was re-elected in 1998 to serve a second four-year term; and

WHEREAS, Governor Almond was the first Governor of the State of Rhode Island to serve a four-year term; and

WHEREAS, As governor, he restructured the state's economic development efforts, forming an advisory panel now known as the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation; pushed for more investment in technology to improve government efficiency and Rhode Island's competitive standing in an increasingly high-tech world; and lobbied to expand Quonset Point as a base for good jobs; and

WHEREAS, His Administration was recognized for expanding child health care benefits, strong economic development and job creation, and needed improvements to his beloved URI; and

WHEREAS, Governor Almond was a member of the National Governors' Association (NGA) where he served on the Economic Development Committee. He also served on NGA's Legal Affairs Committee, which advises fellow governors on whether or not the NGA should take legal positions on matters pending before the U.S. Supreme Court; and

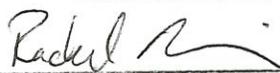
WHEREAS, Governor Almond was the 1998 Chair of the Coalition of Northeastern Governors (CONEG) and the 1997 Chair of the New England Governors' Conference; and

WHEREAS, Governor Almond was a dedicated public servant who has immensely contributed to the economic development of the State of Rhode Island. He leaves a lasting impression on the lives he has impacted in New England and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby honors the life, memory, and legacy of former Governor Lincoln Almond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby extends its deepest condolences to Governor Lincoln Almond's entire family throughout Rhode Island and beyond.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JAN 19 2023
READ AND PASSED



RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT


CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor

Date: 1/23/2023