



THE CITY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND 02840

January 22, 1980

The Honorable City Council  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Gentlemen:

At the meeting of the Council of the City of Newport, held January 9, 1980, the Council adopted Resolution #3-80 urging Rhode Island's Congressional Delegation to work for the enactment of legislation which would place a freeze on the cost of home heating fuel to the American consumer, copy of which is attached.

The Council of the City of Newport solicits your support in favor of the introduction of such legislation, and requests that your honorable body pass a similar resolution.

Very truly yours,

*Jane A. McManus*  
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City Clerk

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Enclosure

IN CITY COUNCIL

First Reading Read and Passed  
Referred to Committee on

CLERK

IN CITY COUNCIL  
FEB 7 1980

READ:

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

*Rose M. Mendonca* CLERK

## RESOLUTION

OF THE

COUNCIL

No. 3-80

~~Resolved:~~

WHEREAS, the federal government has enacted a program which pays approximately 14,000 welfare recipients \$190 for heating fuel assistance; and,

WHEREAS, this results in fuel for the poor but does not benefit the working taxpayer with a family and also reduces the incentive for conservation amongst a segment of our national population; and,

WHEREAS, the non-welfare working taxpayer, in following the presidential guidelines received only a 7% pay raise, while inflation increased at a rate approaching 15%, which results, due to heating fuel prices, in working taxpayers being forced to cut back on basic food items resulting in negative impact upon nutrition; and,

WHEREAS, man was able to step on the moon because Congress appropriated the necessary funds, it is felt by this City Council that Congress should meet today's challenge and freeze the cost to Americans of heating their homes and boost the economy by allowing the funds to be spent on food, clothing, and other goods for the family; and,

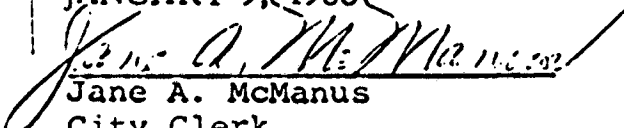
WHEREAS, future projected increases in heating oil can prove to be most detrimental to the local economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State of Rhode Island's Congressional Representation is hereby requested to enact legislation placing an immediate cap on the price of home heating fuel; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Senators Chafee and Pell, Congressmen Beard and St. Germain, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Rhode Island, all Newport legislators, and to the other thirty-eight cities and towns of Rhode Island for support of this legislation.

COUNCILMAN DAVID F. RODERICK, JR.

IN COUNCIL  
READ AND PASSED  
JANUARY 9, 1980

  
Jane A. McManus  
City Clerk