

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 111

Approved March 24, 2022

WHEREAS, All 39 cities and towns are members of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns serves as a convener and advocates to the Governor and General Assembly to support the needs of municipalities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns believes in:

- Supporting robust local government funding through municipal aid programs, education aid and grants
- Opposing any constraints on the ability to raise local revenue
- Opposing unfunded state mandates, particularly related to workforce management and personnel costs
- Maintaining local control and decision-making that reflects community needs, including land use, business operations, licensing, etc.
- Supporting greater flexibility for local government to innovate, improve efficiency and save tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, There has been an influx of federal aid to support the economic recovery from COVID-19 to cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, Stable local and education aid from the state will ensure that cities and towns can maintain municipal operations while investing one-time Federal funds toward necessary capital improvements and economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, Property taxes represent approximately two-thirds of revenue for municipal budgets statewide, and Rhode Island has the eighth-highest property tax burden in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Cities and towns continue to face reduced revenues from lower property tax collection rates, hotel and meals taxes and permit and license fees; and

WHEREAS, Any reduction in state funding would exacerbate that problem, ultimately leading to service reductions, layoffs and property tax increases; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns conducted a survey of all 39 members to develop legislative priorities for the 2022 session of the Rhode Island General Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence hereby supports the priorities identified by the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns on behalf of the 39 cities and towns in Rhode Island.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence and the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 17 2022
READ AND PASSED

JOHN J. IGLIOZZI, PRESIDENT

Jina L. Martisiani
CLERK

ACTING

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor

Date:

3/24/22