



RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 102

EFFECTIVE March 17, 2024

WHEREAS, The employees of Providence news station ABC6 WLNE have come together to seek unionization due to concerns over low pay, inadequate resources, and lack of respect from management; and

WHEREAS, The staff members of ABC6 WLNE, including reporters, creative services, photographers, editors, meteorologists, the web team, producers, and technical media operators, have demonstrated their commitment to improving their working conditions and advocating for fair treatment; and

WHEREAS, The National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians (NABET) represents an opportunity for ABC6 WLNE employees to have a collective voice in negotiating fair wages, benefits, and working conditions; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council recognizes the importance of supporting the efforts of ABC6 WLNE employees to unionize and improve their workplace environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. The Providence City Council hereby endorses the unionization efforts of ABC6 WLNE employees and expresses its support for their pursuit of fair treatment, equitable compensation, and improved working conditions.
2. The Providence City Council commends the dedication and bravery of ABC6 WLNE employees in standing up for their rights and advocating for positive change within their workplace.
3. The Providence City Council urges ABC6 WLNE management to engage in good-faith negotiations with the employees and voluntarily recognize their chosen union, NABET, as the collective bargaining representative for all eligible staff members.
4. The Providence City Council encourages other community stakeholders, residents, and elected officials to stand in solidarity with ABC6 WLNE employees and support their efforts to achieve a more just and equitable workplace.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage a copy of this resolution be sent to the Office of Mayor Brett Smiley, to the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians, and to the management office of Channel ABC6 WLNE Rhode Island.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature


Tina L. Mastroianni
City Clerk