

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 167

Approved May 26, 2020

WHEREAS, The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, is a recognized pandemic that has spread globally and threatens the health, well-being, and financial stability of community members globally; and

WHEREAS On March 9, 2020, Governor of Rhode Island Gina Raimondo declared, by Executive Order 20-02, a Declaration of Disaster Emergency in connection with the outbreak of the novel coronavirus "COVID-19"; and

WHEREAS, On March 12, 2020, Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza declared a state of emergency for the city of Providence; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence, like so many cities and towns across the country, is faced with significant economic challenges as a result of the devastating impacts of Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, On May 15, 2020, the United States House of Representatives passed H.R. 6800, the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act (hereinafter the "HEROES" act), in order to provide much needed economic relief States and municipalities across the country; and

WHEREAS, The HEROES Act will provide economic relief to all American Workers, regardless of their immigration status, which is a significant improvement to the prior assistance program which did not provide any financial assistance for workers who have a Tax Identification Number but not a Social Security Number; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence relies upon the hard work and dedication of all of its residents to maintain a healthy economy and without financial assistance for all of the dedicated workers of the City, the financial future of Providence will be in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, The HEROES Act must be voted on and approved by the United States Senate before it will become law, and it is imperative that this bill be taken up and voted on by the Senate as soon as possible so that all Americans can receive the financial assistance they so desperately need during this difficult time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Endorse and Urge the United States Senate to Pass H.R. 6800, The Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to each member of Rhode Island's congressional delegation.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 21 2020

READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor  
Date: 5/26/20