

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 749

Effective: ~~Approved~~ August 14, 1979

WHEREAS, The franchise to vote has always been a fundamental right and privilege in our democracy forming the basis of registering a citizens participation in our government, and

WHEREAS, It is realized that the right to vote is a conveyed privilege withdrawn, from those citizens convicted on felony counts and as such becomes a permanent punishment for those persons so convicted regardless of the fact that they may have completed the sentence requirement of the conviction, and

WHEREAS, Rehabilitation is the stated principle goal of our penal system hopefully leading the incarcerated person to a functional life in his/her community and it is felt that voting participation is an integiate part of total rehabilitation and full citizens involvement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor is requested to prepare, cause to be introduced, and to urge passage at the next session of the General Assembly of An Act to remove the permanent ban on disenfranchisement of voting rights of convicted felons once they have served their full sentence.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
AUG 2 1979

READ AND PASSED

*Ralph Laporte*  
PRES.  
*Rose M. Mendonca*  
CLERK

Effective without Mayor's  
signature August 14, 1979.

*Rose M. Mendonca*  
Rose M. Mendonca, City Clerk

Councilman Snowden, Councilman Shaver and Councilman Easton