

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 182

Approved June 9, 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, Testing for COVID-19 is critical in stopping the spread of the virus as it assists healthcare professionals in quarantining positive cases and contact tracing to identify other individuals who may have been exposed; and

WHEREAS, When an individual tests positive for COVID-19 they are instructed to stay at home and self-isolate until their symptoms subside; and

WHEREAS, For many Rhode Islanders it is impossible to self-isolate within their own homes and without the proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) they are putting their families at risk of also contracting the virus; and

WHEREAS, In addition to lacking proper PPE, many Rhode Islanders are not native English speakers and do not have access to translated information on how best to protect themselves and their families from COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council urges the Governor of the State of Rhode Island to make PPE available to anyone who tests positive with COVID-19, and to further provide those individuals with a translated information packet that details the best practices in stopping the spread of the virus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode Island and the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

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MAYOR
Date: 6/9/20