

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 198

Approved May 10, 2023

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic created unprecedented challenges across the globe, affecting every aspect of life including access to food for vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS, SODEXO, a food service and facilities management company, and its District Manager, Mark Jeffrey, played a vital role in ensuring that Providence school children had access to healthy meals during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The pandemic forced SODEXO to operate with a reduced workforce due to quarantine restrictions, requiring them to get creative and set up meal distribution sites in unconventional areas such as cafeterias, classrooms, gymnasiums, hallways, parking lots; and

WHEREAS, SODEXO distributed 1,713,600 bagged lunches to 856,800 classrooms and erected 8 outdoor meal distribution sites for remote learners, ultimately serving 3.2 million meals; and

WHEREAS, SODEXO's efforts ensured that even when schools were closed, children in Providence had access to nutritious meals, which for many was their only source of such meals during the week; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council acknowledges and honors the team at SODEXO, including Mark Jeffrey, for their incredible work and persistence in overcoming challenges to feed Providence school children during the pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby recognizes and honors Mark Jeffrey, District Manager at SODEXO, and his team for their extraordinary efforts in ensuring continuity in feeding Providence school children during the COVID-19 pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, Mark Jeffrey, and SODEXO.

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 04 2023
READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date: 5/10/23