

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

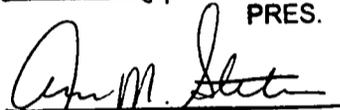
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 248

Approved APRIL 27, 2007

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Endorses and Supports the Town of Burrillville's resolution Opposing Privatization of Food and Housekeeping Services at Eleanor Slater Hospital – Zambarano Unit.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

APPROVED


MAYOR 4/27/07

Memorandum



To: Anna Stetson, Town Clerk
City of Providence

From: Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk

Date: March 13, 2007

Re: Council Resolution

At the Regular Meeting of the Burrillville Town Council held on Wednesday, February 28, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Harrisville, and at which time a quorum was present and acting throughout, the Town Council:

VOTED to adopt a resolution of the Town Council, signed by the President, in opposition to the privatization of food and housekeeping services.

Motion by Councilor Kevin M. Blais. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn. The motion carried, five in favor, one recusal, one excused. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Kevin M. Blais, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe. Councilor Wallace F. Lees recused. Councilor Margaret L. Dudley was excused.

Attached is a copy of the resolution for your reference.

Thank you.

TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE

Office of Town Clerk

Louise R. Phaneuf
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Resolution in Opposition to Privatization of Food and Housekeeping Services at Eleanor Slater Hospital – Zambarano Unit

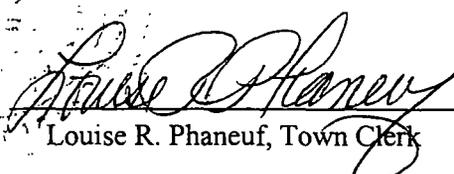
- WHEREAS, in his January 31, 2007 press release, the Honorable Governor Donald L. Carcieri proposed the privatization of food and housekeeping services at the Eleanor Slater Hospital as a cost saving measure; and
- WHEREAS, the dedicated employees of the Zambarano Unit of Eleanor Slater Hospital are a credit to State workers, making the hospital a Shining Star of long-term care facilities; and
- WHEREAS, the Burrillville Town Council believes it is vital to consider foremost the good and welfare of the patients, many of whom have resided at Zambarano for years and who consider the hospital and its staff their home and family; and whose quality of life might well be seriously disrupted by the proposed change in service; and
- WHEREAS, The Burrillville Town Council has serious reservations whether a private for-profit company would continue to provide the familial care that long-term patients at the Zambarano Unit require and deserve; and
- WHEREAS, the Zambarano Unit is one of the largest employers of residents in Burrillville and neighboring communities and the privatization of these services could result in the loss of up to seventy jobs; and
- WHEREAS, the cost to the State for providing unemployment and retirement compensation, in addition to the cost of private service, would diminish any proposed savings from the privatization.

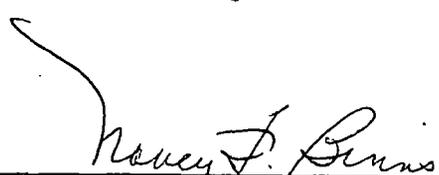
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville on this 28th day of February 2007 do hereby respectfully request that the Honorable Donald L. Carcieri, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, reconsider the proposal to privatize food and housekeeping services at the Eleanor Slater Hospital.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the town clerk is hereby instructed to submit a copy of this resolution to various City and Town Councils of the State of Rhode Island seeking their consideration and support of this resolution.

Adopted this 28th day of February 2007

ATTEST:


Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk


Nancy F. Binns, President
Burrillville Town Council