

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 346

Approved August 12, 2004

WHEREAS, In 1992 the voters of the City of Providence overwhelmingly passed a referendum to require that all City employees reside within Providence; and

WHEREAS, Many residents, community leaders, elected officials and City employees recognize that those who serve the City ought to live within its boundaries, and that those who do are often more invested in the decisions they make as part of their employ, and are more committed to the continued health, well-being and vibrancy of the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, On April 15, 2004 the Providence City Council unanimously passed a resolution, subsequently signed by the Mayor of Providence, opposing the passage of Rhode Island House Bill 7458 which would eliminate the residency requirement for Providence firefighters and police officers; and

WHEREAS, The Department of the City Clerk mailed certified copies of the resolution to members of the House and Senate leadership, as well as all sponsors of H-7458; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly passed the bill at the end of its legislative session, thereby allowing the residency requirement for Providence firefighters and police officers to be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council strongly disagrees with the actions of the General Assembly, in particular its lack of recognition of the clear intention and official will of the City Council and the Mayor of Providence; and

WHEREAS, The Members of the Providence City Council have sent a letter to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, Donald L. Carcieri, respectfully requesting that he veto the bill.

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Michael J. Almont

Council Pres. Lombardi, Councilmen Aponte, Butts, Medina, Hassell, Iglizzi, Jackson, Luna,
Councilwomen Williams, Young and Councilman Segal

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence hereby instructs the City Solicitor to initiate a prompt review of House Bill 2004-H 7458 and to render a written opinion advising members of the City Council as to the legal recourse available to the City of Providence in opposition of House Bill 2004-H 7458.

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READ AND PASSED
Robina Young
PRES. PRO TEMPORE
Michael B. Clement
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APPROVED
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MAYOR