

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 181

Approved May 19, 2022

WHEREAS, Rhode Island Public Health Foundation, dba Rhode Island Public Health Institute and Open Door Health, has operated a federal 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization and a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation since 1993; and

WHEREAS, The organization provides quality primary health care services that are affordable, comprehensive and culturally tailored to more than 4,000 residents from Providence and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, On March 1, 2020, Rhode Island Public Health Foundation opened its clinic, Open Door Health, located at 7 Central Street; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island Public Health Foundation offers clinical services through its Open Door Health program that include comprehensive primary care and sexual health services, as well as HIV care and gender-affirming care; and

WHEREAS, The organization provides care to all patients regardless of their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, The new Open Door Health program at the Rhode Island Public Health Foundation in Providence will provide space for 6,500 more patients to the organization, creating 40 full-time, sustainable paying jobs; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Public Health Foundation also hosts a variety of food insecurity programs that serve needy Rhode Islanders and promote healthy eating, including Food on the Move, one of the nation's largest mobile produce programs, and NOURISH Rhode Island, a hunger alleviation advocacy coalition; and

WHEREAS, The new Open Door Health location will allow Rhode Island Public Health Foundation to better reduce health disparities across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby support Rhode Island Public Health Foundation and its expansion of services with a new facility in the city of Providence and the effort to exempt the real and tangible personal property taxes of the organization under Rhode Island General Law § 44-3-3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the elected Rhode Island House and Senate representatives of the City of Providence.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 11 2022

READ AND PASSED

JOHN J. IGLIOZZI, PRESIDENT

Jina L. Mastrosianni
CLERK

ACTING

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor

Date:

5/19/21