

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 89

Approved February 5, 2007

WHEREAS, The Government of Portugal has announced plans to close its Consulate located in the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, For many years the Portuguese Consulate has provided a valuable service to the Providence Portuguese community and to those throughout Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, Providence and Rhode Island's large and significant Portuguese population has made substantial contributions to all aspects of the city and state's history as well as being valuable contributors to Rhode Island's rich cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island has the highest percentage of residents with Portuguese ancestry in the United States with 26,000 Portuguese citizens registered with the Providence Consulate; and

WHEREAS, In the event of the Consulate closing in the City of Providence, those requiring Consulate services will have to travel considerable distance to another location out of state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby respectfully expresses its opposition to the plans to close the Portuguese Consulate in the City of Providence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to President Aníbal Cavaco Silva of Portugal.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JAN 25 2007
READ AND PASSED

Richard J. Mammì

Ann M. Stebbins
CLERK

[Signature]

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