

**THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE**  
**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

# **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

*No. 2*

*Approved January 14, 2013*

WHEREAS, Born in San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic, Councilman Miguel C. Luna moved to Rhode Island in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Luna was a longtime and beloved resident of the Elmwood neighborhood who became involved with numerous local social justice efforts and community organizations, including Amos House, the International Institute, Jobs with Justice, the San Miguel School, and the Center for Minority Advancement in Building Trades; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, Luna was part of a group of Providence residents who founded Direct Action for Rights and Equality (DARE), a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting justice and creating lasting positive change in our community; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Luna was elected to the Providence City Council representing Ward Nine, becoming just the second Latino to be elected in the Council's history; and

WHEREAS, In more than eight years as a member of the City Council, Luna earned a reputation as a consummate public servant and a strong advocate for the people of Providence's South Side; and

WHEREAS, Luna was instrumental in the creation of the Providence External Review Authority (PERA), the first ever civilian police review board in Providence; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Luna was outspoken on numerous issues, including affordable housing, government transparency, economic development, and racial discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Luna cared deeply about Providence's public parks, serving on the Board of Parks Commissioners, leading efforts to build new playgrounds in Elmwood and Washington Park, and directing resources to make major improvements at several neighborhood parks, including Sackett Street; and

WHEREAS, On August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Councilman Miguel Luna tragically passed away at the age of 53 from a heart attack; and

WHEREAS, Renaming and rededicating the Sackett Street Park in Councilman Luna's memory is a fitting tribute that will ensure his many contributions to the city he loved will not be forgotten.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby honor and thank Councilman Miguel C. Luna for his years of service and countless contributions to the City of Providence.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Sackett Street Park, located at 110 Sackett Street, shall be known as the "Councilman Miguel C. Luna Memorial Park."


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the family of Councilman Luna.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

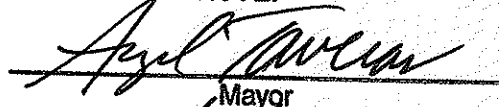
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**READ AND PASSED**

  
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**PRES.**

  
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**CLERK**

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
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Mayor

Date: 1/14/13