

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 203

Approved May 25, 2016

WHEREAS, For many people, public libraries are their primary means of access to computer services and all forms of media, and free educational and cultural programming that are essential for fulfilling and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the importance of libraries in our society, the State of Rhode Island passed legislation setting the level of state aid for library services at a minimum of 25% of the amount spent from local tax funds and the library's private endowment; and

WHEREAS, Due to level funding of state aid for the past 8 years, the actual funding percentage of library aid has been reduced to 21.2% in fiscal year 2017, when the City of Providence is scheduled to receive \$1,149,685 to fund public library services in the city, which is approximately \$208,000 less than the City of Providence would receive if funding is at 25%; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence supports fully funding state aid to libraries at the 25% level in fiscal year 2017.

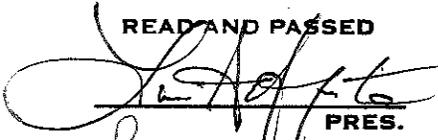
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council, at the request of the Providence Community Library and the Providence Public Library, does hereby support legislation which would restore funding for state aid to libraries to the full 25% required in Rhode Island General Laws Section 29-6-2 (a) and urges the Providence Delegation to the General Assembly to work diligently for its passage.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage by the Providence City Council.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**MAY 19 2016**

**READ AND PASSED**

  
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**PRES.**

  
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**CLERK**

**I HEREBY APPROVE**

  
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**Mayor**

Date: 5/25/16