

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 932

Approved October 15, 1979

WHEREAS, House Democrats are concerned with the rising prices of home heating oil, and

WHEREAS, By voice vote, a Resolution has been adopted, asserting "It shall be Democratic policy in the House that mandatory allocation controls for heating oil and diesel fuel be re-established,"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence hereby endorses the proposal of the Congressional Delegation to reinstate price controls on Heating Oil and Diesel Fuel Prices which have risen Eighty Percent (80%) in the Providence Area since last winter.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
OCT 4 1979  
READ AND PASSED

*Ralph Fagnoli*  
PRES.

*Rose M. Mendonca*  
CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR

*James A. Cimino, Jr.*

OCT 15 1979

Councilman Maize and Councilman Snowden, Councilman O'Connor

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

November 30, 1979

Ms. Rose M. Mendonca  
City Clerk  
City of Providence-City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Ms. Mendonca:

Thank you for your recent letter informing me of City Council Resolutions 929 and 932.

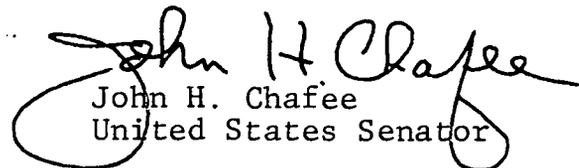
My staff has contacted city officials concerning Resolution 929, and it is my understanding that appropriate review action will be taken. The Department of Commerce, which handles the federal funds involved, is aware of the situation.

With regard to Resolution 932, I have been very concerned about the high cost of energy. Nevertheless, I do not believe price controls will improve matters. Controls on gasoline have not prevented a 50% price increase this year, and they have inhibited conservation. Controls have also inhibited oil production and use of alternate sources of energy.

For these reasons, I do not believe that reimposing price controls on heating oil would be constructive. At the same time, however, I believe we should provide substantial assistance for low and moderate income Americans who are hardest hit by rising energy prices. I have recently supported several measures that would provide such assistance by using revenues from the windfall profits tax.

Once again, thank you for informing me of the City Council's resolutions.

Sincerely,

  
John H. Chafee  
United States Senator

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