

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 517

Approved December 8, 2017

WHEREAS, A.T. Wall has dedicated his life to public service in Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, he began his career in corrections as a line probation officer; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Yale University and Yale Law School, he served as a prosecutor in New York City; and

WHEREAS, He joined the Vera Institute of Justice after his time as a prosecutor, directing a sentencing project for chronic offenders convicted in New York City; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, he returned to his native state of Rhode Island and served in the Governor's Policy Office on criminal justice matters; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, he was named as Assistant Director of Correction for the Rhode Island Department of Corrections (RIDOC), where he oversaw the central management of all operations and served as the Director's second-in-command; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, he was named interim Director of RIDOC and was subsequently appointed Director in 2000; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, he led RIDOC in investing in evidence-based programs to reduce recidivism and supporting inmates struggling with substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, Wall has a well-earned reputation of advocating for and implementing important reforms in Rhode Island's prison system, including developing successful reentry programs that help former inmates lead productive lives, and promoting progressive approaches to issues of mental illness, addiction, and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, A.T. Wall will officially retire from RIDOC on January 30, 2018 after thirty years of service, the longest serving corrections director in the country; and

WHEREAS, Governor Raimondo said "For nearly two decades as the director of corrections, A.T. has been a model of professionalism and has earned the respect of his peers across the country."

WHEREAS, Rhode Island has been extremely fortunate to have such a diligent, compassionate, and forward-thinking public servant running RIDOC and helping to improve life in our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby recognize and thank A.T. Wall for his decades of outstanding service to the State of Rhode Island, and wishes him the very best in his retirement.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor
Date: 12/8/17