

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 251

EFFECTIVE May 28, 2023

WHEREAS, The homelessness crisis in Rhode Island is an urgent and pressing issue that requires immediate action; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness has reported that, as of March 2023, 1395 Rhode Islanders are currently experiencing literal homelessness; and

WHEREAS, The number of individuals experiencing housing insecurity in the State has increased significantly in recent years, with a particular rise in unsheltered homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Addressing homelessness requires a collective and empathetic approach from both the government and society. It's not solely an individual problem, but a systemic issue that demands a comprehensive solution. and

WHEREAS, Having a stable home is essential for individuals and families to maintain employment, pursue education, access healthcare, and participate fully in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Without an immediate commitment from State and local leaders to provide expanded safe shelter space, the homeless crisis currently facing our state will continue to grow; and

WHEREAS, As public servants and the elected representatives of the people of Rhode Island, Governor McKee, and our Rhode Island State Leaders have a moral obligation to help those who are homeless and to enact policies that will urgently address the homelessness crisis in our State.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby calls upon Governor Dan McKee and Rhode Island State Leaders to urgently address the homelessness crisis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Governor Dan McKee, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the General Treasurer, Housing Secretary Pryor, the Honorable Mayor of Providence, and the Providence Delegation.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 18 2023

READ AND PASSED

  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

Effective without the  
Mayor's Signature

  
Tina L. Mastroianni  
City Clerk