

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 456

Approved December 12, 2008

WHEREAS, George M. Cohan was born and raised in the Fox Point section of Providence; and

WHEREAS, In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, he attained international fame as a songwriter, entertainer, theatrical producer and director, becoming known as "Mr. Broadway" and "the father of American musical comedy"; and

WHEREAS, He wrote such memorable songs as "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "You're a Grand Old Flag," and "Give My Regards to Broadway," as well as more than 50 plays; and

WHEREAS, A statue of Mr. Cohan has stood in the center of Times Square in New York City since 1959 in recognition of his musical and theatrical contributions; and

WHEREAS, He maintained strong ties to Providence throughout his life, always considering it his home; and

WHEREAS, There is a public effort being made by current Fox Point residents to erect a monument honoring Mr. Cohan at the corner of Governor and Wickenden Streets; and

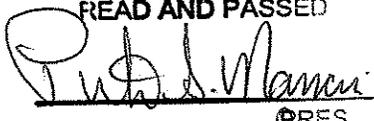
WHEREAS, By honoring Providence's great artists and performers, the City helps to inspire future artists and bolster the entire arts community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT BE RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does hereby request that the intersection of Governor and Wickenden Streets be named "George M. Cohan Plaza," to honor the birthplace of Mr. Cohan, located across the street.

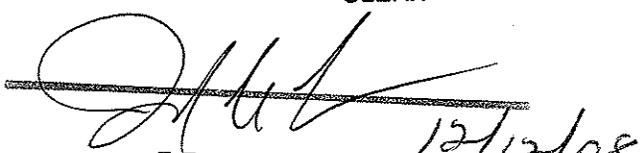
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council supports the public effort to erect a sculpture honoring George M. Cohan on that site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, copies of this resolution will be sent to the Traffic Engineer and the Director of Public Works.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
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READ AND PASSED

  
PRES.

  
CLERK

  
MAYOR  
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