

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 207

Approved May 8, 2024

WHEREAS, Homelessness in Rhode Island has become an increasingly pressing issue in recent years, with advocates noting a rise in unsheltered homelessness across the state; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness has developed an action plan calling for a \$30 million budget amendment to prevent further unsheltered homelessness in Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, The coalition has highlighted a 76% statewide budget cut to homelessness services, which could result in the elimination of approximately 1,000 shelter beds, exacerbating the current record-high levels of unsheltered homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Recent data from the state's Homeless Management Information System indicates that as of the beginning of the month, 529 Rhode Islanders experienced unsheltered homelessness, representing a 645% increase since January 2019; and

WHEREAS, The state is anticipating the closure of 346 beds by the end of the month, further limiting resources available to individuals experiencing homelessness; and

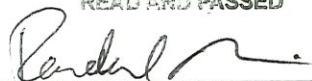

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council recognizes the importance of addressing homelessness as a critical issue affecting our community's most vulnerable residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Providence City Council expresses its full support for the Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness' call for a \$30 million budget amendment to prevent further unsheltered homelessness in Rhode Island.
2. The Providence City Council urges the Rhode Island General Assembly to prioritize and swiftly pass legislation allocating the necessary funds to address homelessness and prevent further cuts to homelessness services.
3. The Providence City Council calls upon state and local leaders to work collaboratively with community stakeholders to develop comprehensive solutions to address the root causes of homelessness and provide support and resources to individuals experiencing homelessness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness, the Governor of Rhode Island Daniel McKee, members of the Rhode Island General Assembly representing Providence, Speaker of the House K. Joseph Shekarchi, and Senate President Dominick Ruggerio.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date: 5/8/2024