

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 50

Approved February 12, 2004

WHEREAS, The Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor ("The Corridor") was established by an Act of Congress in 1986 to recognize the national importance of this region as the "birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution"; and

WHEREAS, The Corridor consists of twenty-four communities in the states of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, stretching from the Narragansett Bay in Providence, Rhode Island to the headwaters in Worcester, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, The Corridor is considered a model for how local communities, state and federal agencies and the business and preservation community have adopted common goals and have formed a strong partnership to revitalize historic communities, restore an urban waterway and preserve the special character of the Blackstone Valley landscape; and

WHEREAS, Preserve America is a national program that has been established by Executive Order No. 13287 as a White House initiative, developed in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the United States Department of the Interior, and the United States Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Preserve America is a competitive designation celebrating model programs and achievements in preservation; and

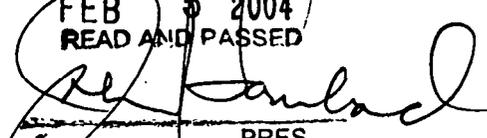
WHEREAS, Preserve America encourages agencies to seek partnerships with state, tribal, and local governments and the private sector to make more efficient and informed use of their resources for economic development and other recognized public benefits; and

WHEREAS, Preserve America better combines historic preservation and nature tourism by directing the agencies to assist in the development of local and regional nature tourism programs using the historic resources that are a significant feature of many state and local economies; and

WHEREAS, The Preserve America designation taps into three federal programs to provide support for local efforts to preserve open spaces and historic structures, including the Cooperative Conservation Initiative, the Economic Development Administration and Save America's Treasures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Providence, which lies within the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, is seeking designation of the Corridor as part of the Preserve America Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Providence endorses and supports this joint application of the twenty-four communities that make up this bi-state region of New England designated as the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor and respectfully submits this application for a Preserve America Award.

CITY COUNCIL
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READ AND PASSED

PRES.

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APPROVED

MAYOR 2/12/04

Councilman Segal, By Request