

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 165

Approved March 15, 2019

WHEREAS, Governor Gina M. Raimondo has proposed to expand Rhode Island Promise, making a commitment to provide every student, including adults, with a two year scholarship to attend the Community College of Rhode Island and Rhode Island College, and;

WHEREAS, This program will make it possible for high school graduates and adults in Providence to earn an associate's degree tuition free at the Community College of Rhode Island and will cut the cost of a four-year degree at Rhode Island College in half; and

WHEREAS, The cost of college creates a barrier that keeps college-qualified students from applying for and enrolling in college; and

WHEREAS, Governor Raimondo's proposal will make it possible for all of Providence's residents to attend college, regardless of income; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island Promise is designed to boost enrollment, improve graduation and retention rates and will encourage and make it possible for more students to complete their degree in time; and

WHEREAS, A college degree is the surest ticket to the middle class and having a college degree has been shown to increase lifetime earnings, community engagement, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council believes that this program is in the best interest of the citizens and voters of the City of Providence.

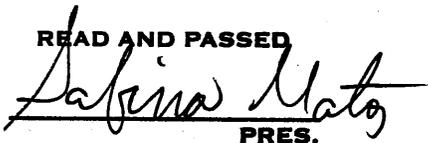
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council provides the strongest possible endorsement to Governor Gina M. Raimondo's Rhode Island Promise as articulated in the Governor's Budget, Article 11 and urges the Providence Delegation to the General Assembly to work diligently for its passage.

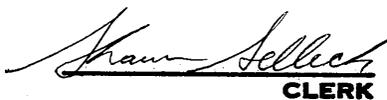
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Gina M. Raimondo, and the State Senators and State Representatives from the Providence Delegation.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED


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CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor
Date: 3/15/19