

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 135

Approved April 21, 2010

WHEREAS, George M. Cohan was born in the Fox Point section of Providence on July 3, 1878; and

WHEREAS, In the early 20th 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


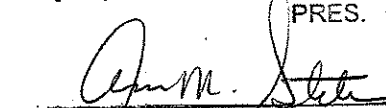
WHEREAS, A statue of Mr. Cohan has stood in the center of Times Square in New York City since 1959 in recognition of his musical and theatrical contributions; and

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

WHEREAS, Last year, the Providence City Council passed a resolution naming the intersection of Governor and Wickenden Streets "George M. Cohan Plaza";

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

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does hereby declare July 3, 2010 to be "George M. Cohan Day."

IN CITY COUNCIL
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