

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 273

Approved June 23, 2023

WHEREAS, The City of Providence and the Providence City Council acknowledges the inherent worth of all its residents, dignity and humanity irrespective of their sexual orientation, gender identity or expression; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence and the Providence City Council is committed to upholding the principles of diversity, equality, and inclusivity, thereby ensuring an environment where everyone is heard, seen, respected, safe, and free from prejudice and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Access to public restrooms can pose significant challenges and risks for individuals who identify as non-binary, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, asexual, two-spirit, plus (LGBTQIA2S+); and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council recognizes the need for change to improve the inclusivity and accessibility of our public spaces for all residents, including those who identify as LGBTQIA2S+; and

WHEREAS, The provision of at least one gender-neutral bathroom in all public buildings is one step towards making our city a more inclusive, safe and welcoming place for every Providence citizen, regardless of gender identity or expression.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby affirms its steadfast commitment to the safety, inclusivity, and welcoming of gender-non binary and the LGBTQIA2S+ community within its jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council pledges to draft and pass an ordinance mandating that every public building in the City of Providence includes at least one gender-neutral bathroom, or, at the very least, provides bathroom access according to each individual's self-identified gender identity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, All City departments and city agencies are directed to work cooperatively to ensure the swift and effective implementation of the proposed ordinance once enacted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The City Council encourages institutions to follow this example of inclusivity and to consider the specific needs and rights of the non-binary and/or LGBTQIA2S+ community in their policies and practices.

IN CITY COUNCIL

JUN 15 2023

READ AND PASSED



RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
Mayor

Date: 6/23/2023