



RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 14

EFFECTIVE January 18, 2021

WHEREAS, Beginning with the protest on June 5, 2020 where over 10,000 people gathered in Providence to protest against police brutality and systemic racism and continuing throughout the summer of 2020, there has been a growing outcry from the residents of Providence seeking real change in the way the City is policed; and

WHEREAS, Similar protests have occurred in every state in the country as it has become increasingly clear that the manner by which police departments are managed in the United States has resulted in a complete breakdown in trust between the police and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, While protests were initiated in response to the killings of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, the issues of systemic racism, police brutality, and the failure of the government to support communities of color have plagued our society for generations; and

WHEREAS, In response to the public's concerns, the Providence City Council has been heavily engaged over the past several months in listening to community leaders, mental health experts, non-profit groups, and leading crisis intervention professionals from around the country in order to better understand the current best practices in alternative policing; and

WHEREAS, It has become clear that crisis intervention teams can serve a vital role in responding to non-violent mental health emergencies that would otherwise be handled by a local police department; and

WHEREAS, By allocating the necessary funding to establish a crisis intervention team in the City of Providence, the Mayor and the City Council can take a leading role in reshaping how the City handles crisis situations for the most vulnerable of our residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby requests the Mayor of Providence include the necessary funding for a Crisis Intervention Response Team in his FY 2022 budget proposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence and the Commissioner of Public Safety.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature

Shawn Selleck
City Clerk