

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 752

Approved December 29, 1978

WHEREAS, J.P. Stevens, the second largest textile corporation in America, runs 85 factories employing 44,000 workers, and

WHEREAS, The J.P. Stevens Corporation is a \$1.4 billion a year business, and

WHEREAS, American workers have the right to choose, without fear of reprisal, representatives to collectively bargain with their employers about pay and working conditions, and

WHEREAS, J.P. Stevens has been found guilty of violating the National Labor Relations Act fifteen times in the last thirteen years, and

WHEREAS, J.P. Stevens has been found guilty of contempt of court by the U.S. Second and Fifth Circuit Courts for firing pro-union employees, and

WHEREAS, Federal Department of Labor inspectors have found J.P. Stevens plants in North and South Carolina in violations of minimum safety standards for employees, and

WHEREAS, Workers in J.P. Stevens Corporation factories are paid 31 percent lower wages, on the average, than factory employees nationally, and

WHEREAS, J.P. Stevens has been ordered to reimburse some municipalities hundreds of thousands of dollars for misrepresenting local property worth--thus avoiding municipal taxes, and

WHEREAS, The J.P. Stevens Company, although founded in Lawrence, Massachusetts in 1813, has closed 21 textile mills in Northeastern states, the majority in Massachusetts, during the last 25 years--wiping out a total of 11,700 jobs and severely impacting our communities and our people, and

WHEREAS, J.P. Stevens closed its Peacedale, Rhode Island factory in 1951, which employed 1300 people, and

WHEREAS, A national consumer boycott of the products of the J.P. Stevens Corporation has been launched by the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union (AFL-CIO),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That I, John P. Garan, Councilman of the City of Providence, urge this City Council to endorse the consumer boycott of J.P. Stevens products and further urge all Providence citizens not to buy Beauti-Blend, Beauticale, Fine Arts, Peanuts, Tastemaker, Utica, Mohawk, Yves St. Laurent, or Angelo Donghia sheets and pillowcases, Contender, Gulistan, Merryweather and Tastemaker carpets, Simtex table linen, and Big Mama, Finesse, Hip-Lets and Spirit hosiery.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

Ralph Tognoli PRES.
Rose M. Mendonca CLERK

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MAYOR

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WELFARE

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THE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC WELFARE

Approves Passage of
The Within Resolution

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Chairman

December 14, 1978

Councilman Larson