

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 129

Approved April 22, 2020

WHEREAS, The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, is a recognized pandemic that has spread globally and threatens the health, well-being, and financial stability of community members globally; and

WHEREAS, On March 9, 2020, Governor of Rhode Island Gina Raimondo declared, by Executive Order 20-02, a Declaration of Disaster Emergency in connection with the outbreak of the novel coronavirus "COVID-19"; and

WHEREAS, On March 12, 2020, Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza declared a state of emergency for the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence, like the State of Rhode Island, is committed to helping to stop the spread of this pandemic within our jurisdiction by encouraging common sense measures like social distancing, frequent hand washing, limiting public events, and encouraging community members to stay at home if they are not feeling well; and

WHEREAS, Many members of our community are homeless and are therefore unable to shelter in place due to a lack of adequate housing space; and

WHEREAS, The homeless population's lack of sanitary housing options puts them at greater risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus and further increasing the spread of the disease.

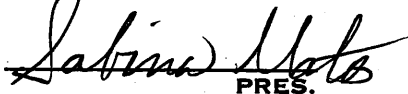
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council urges the Governor of the State of Rhode Island take all necessary action to provide safe and sanitary housing for all homeless and housing insecure individuals in the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training, and the Field Office Director of the Rhode Island Branch of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

IN CITY COUNCIL

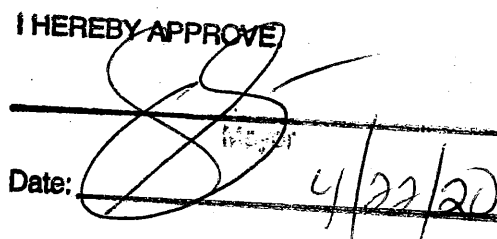
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PRES.


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I HEREBY APPROVE


Date: 4/22/20