

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 95

Approved February 28, 2025

WHEREAS, All 39 cities and towns are currently members of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns serves as a convener and advocates to the Governor and General Assembly, supporting the needs of communities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns believes in supporting municipal aid programs, raising local revenues, fully funding legislative and policy proposals, avoiding one-size fits all solutions, maintenance of local control, and greater flexibility for local governments; and

WHEREAS, Stable local and education aid from the state will ensure that cities and towns can maintain municipal operations while investing one-time funds towards necessary capital improvements and economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, Property taxes represent approximately two-thirds of revenue for municipal budgets statewide, and Rhode Island has the eighth-highest property tax burden in the nation; and



WHEREAS, Any reduction in state funding would exacerbate a dependence on property taxes, ultimately leading to service reductions, layoffs and property tax increases; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island's municipalities are an important piece of Rhode Island's economic success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council supports the mission of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns as it supports the City of Providence and the diverse needs of all Rhode Island communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, and members of the Providence delegation.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
FEB 20 2025  
READ AND PASSED

  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
Mayor

Date: 2/28/2025