

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 109

Approved March 6, 2017

WHEREAS, Governor Gina M. Raimondo has proposed Rhode Island's Promise, a commitment to provide every student with a two year scholarship to attend the Community College of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the University of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, This program will make it possible for Providence's high school graduates to earn an associate degree tuition free at the Community College of Rhode Island and will cut the cost of a four-year degree at Rhode Island College or the University of Rhode Island in half; and

WHEREAS, The cost of college creates a barrier that keeps college-qualified students from applying for and enrolling in college; and

WHEREAS, Governor Raimondo's proposal will make it possible for Providence high school graduates to go to college, regardless of family income; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island's Promise is designed to boost enrollment, improve the graduation and retention rates and will encourage and make it possible for more students to complete their degrees on time; and

WHEREAS, A college degree is the surest ticket to the middle class and having a college degree has been shown to increase lifetime earnings, community engagement, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council believes that this program is in the best interest of the citizens and voters of the City of Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby provide the strongest possible endorsement to the Rhode Island's Promise program and urges the Providence delegation to the General Assembly to work diligently toward its passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the entire Providence delegation in the General Assembly.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

PRES.

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I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor

Date:

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