

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 185

Approved June 9, 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, COVID-19 has had a devastating effect on the local economy, especially small businesses, which has resulted in widespread unemployment and economic harm to a large portion of Rhode Islanders; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island will need widespread testing for COVID-19 in order to provide the level of safety needed to fully reopen the economy; and

WHEREAS, There are many communities in Rhode Island that have reported a myriad of challenges in accessing the existing testing centers, including a lack of transportation to travel to the site; and

WHEREAS, The communities that reported difficulties in accessing COVID-19 testing centers are the same communities that have been hit hardest by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Without an ability to provide mobile testing for all Rhode Islanders, including our underserved communities, it will be impossible to achieve the level of widespread testing needed to get to the "new normal."

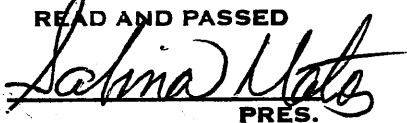
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council urges the Governor of the State of Rhode Island to take all necessary measures to provide mobile COVID-19 testing services to all Rhode Islanders, especially communities of colors and socio-economically disadvantaged and underserved communities who have experienced a disproportionate number of cases, hospitalizations, and fatalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode Island and the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health.

IN CITY COUNCIL

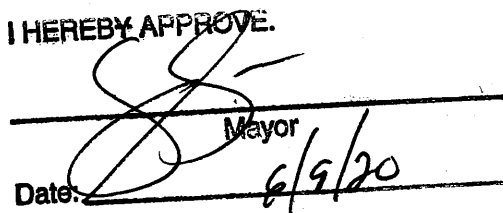
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READ AND PASSED


PRES.


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I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor
Date: 6/9/20