

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 385

Approved September 25, 2023

WHEREAS, Outdoor air pollutants are caused by a variety of factors both within and outside of city limits and have been shown to cause public health effects for Providence residents; and

WHEREAS, According to 2021 data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Rhode Island has the highest rate of asthma in the country among adults, with those most affected being low-income people and people of color; and

WHEREAS, Professor Meredith Hastings is a Professor at Brown University studying atmospheric chemistry and its implications for air quality, biogeochemistry, and climate; and

WHEREAS, Professor Hastings is the lead researcher of the Breathe Providence Project; and

WHEREAS, The Breathe Providence Project aims to improve local air quality, support greenhouse gas emission reductions, and support the communities of Providence to reach health and climate related goals; and

WHEREAS, The Breathe Providence Project and its partners presented to the Council Special Committee on the Environment and Resiliency on August 9, 2023 and shared their goal to understand the landscape of air pollution and climate related emissions in Providence, RI at a resolution that reflects human's exposure to air pollution in their everyday lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby recognizes Professor Hastings, the Breathe Providence Project, and Project partners for their work to monitor and study air pollution in Providence and pledges to use the data collected and analysis generated to help inform data-driven policy to address air pollution issues in our City, particularly for frontline communities most affected by air pollution. Further, the Council will work with Professor Hastings, the Breathe Providence Project, and the Project partners to support additional funding opportunities for this critical work.

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RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT


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I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date: 9/25/2023