

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 336

Approved April 11, 1979

WHEREAS, In just three years Superintendent of Parks James W. Diamond and his staff have

1. made enormous progress toward the completion of Mayor Cianci's master plan for the complete restoration of Roger Williams Park,

2. rebuilt neighborhood parks such as Washington Square, Columbus Square, Hopkins Square, Lippitt Park, Market Square and are beginning more such improvements this year,

3. greatly encouraged and promoted the use of city parks with a professionally managed year series of free cultural events entertaining 85,000 citizens last year,

4. placed the Forestry Division on a sound professional basis, planting thousands of new trees and providing preventive surgery for older trees,

5. begun the rehabilitation of Locust Grove Cemetery and the North Burial Ground introducing Federal Funding, professional management, sound fiscal administration, and historic preservation,

6. brought approximately \$9,000,000. in Federal Funds to our city's parks, and

WHEREAS, Superintendent of Parks James W. Diamond has implemented a department wide professional policy including the use of blue ribbon committees of private citizens to ensure the appointment of executive staff solely on the basis of merit; the enforcement of Section 4.29 of the City Charter and of the city's residency requirements for all executives and has substantially achieved the 15% goals of the city's affirmative action plan for Blacks and women two years ahead of schedule, and

WHEREAS, Superintendent of Parks James W. Diamond and his staff have been repeatedly and continuously supported and commended for these endeavors by numerous civic organizations including the Friends of Roger Williams Park, the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, the Rhode Island Horticultural Society, the Rhode Island Zoological Society the Zoo Docent Council, the Providence Street Tree Committee and many others as well as the Board of Park Commissioners and have exhibited exceptional professionalism and dedication in the execution of their duties,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the City Council that Superintendent of Parks James W. Diamond and the fine staff he has assembled are deserving of commendation and are hereby commended for over three years of distinguished achievements for the people and the parks of Providence, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an engrossed copy of this Resolution be transmitted by the City Clerk to Superintendent of Parks James W. Diamond and that the City Council wishes him and his superb staff many more years of happy service to our city and her parks.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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