



RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 288

EFFECTIVE June 28, 2021

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council has long recognized the growing issues of affordable housing in our communities which is why, in the early spring of this year, the Council capitalized the Affordable Housing Trust Fund with over \$20million to help finance, construct, and maintain affordable housing units throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, Homelessness is a direct result of a lack of affordable housing options for the City's residents and is an issue that the Council is fully committed to addressing through its continued efforts to expand opportunities for affordable housing in our communities; and

WHEREAS, While affordable housing represents the long-term solution to the homeless crisis, the short term needs of the City's homeless residents requires a rapid expansion in temporary shelter space so that there are places where people can go to have safe and dignified living conditions until they can find permanent affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, Without an immediate commitment from State and local leaders to provide expanded safe shelter space, the homeless crisis currently facing our city and our state will continue to grow.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby calls upon the Mayor of Providence to work with State and local partners to find the necessary funding to rapidly expand the amount of temporary shelter space and affordable housing opportunities that are available to individuals suffering from homelessness in the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby reaffirms its commitment to addressing the affordable housing crisis in the City which has exacerbated the evils of homelessness in our communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Mayor of Providence, the members of the Providence Delegation, the Senate President and the Speaker of the House.

IN CITY COUNCIL

JUN 17 2021
READ AND PASSED


JOHN J. IGLIOZZI, PRESIDENT

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature


Shawn Selleck
City Clerk