

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No.* 234

*Approved* April 25, 2002

WHEREAS, The USS Saratoga Museum Foundation has worked diligently for three years to relocate the super carrier Saratoga from the US Navy Base at Middletown, RI to Quonset Point, historic home of the Navy's carrier component through three wars; and

WHEREAS, The Saratoga, the first super carrier to be selected to become a Museum, will also be a Patriotic Memorial, an Educational Center and a Family Attraction; and

WHEREAS, The Saratoga Foundation has been engaged in a fundraising drive to obtain the \$8.5 million for relocation, mooring and development of the Museum; and

WHEREAS, The United States Navy has placed the USS Saratoga in Donation Status and has designated the Rhode Island Saratoga Museum Foundation as the Sole Eligible Recipient of the ship, and

WHEREAS, The USS Saratoga Museum Project has the exciting potential to become a significant and self-sufficient economic engine, creating jobs and generating a major and positive economic impact in our community, region and state, and at the same time, benefiting other ongoing and planned development at Quonset/Davisville; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, the Saratoga project is designed to be a major educational resource for Washington County and the surrounding region, to include a Vocational School and other business development programs to educate youth, train and retrain workers, and to be a useful and attractive component of the industrial park; and

Council President Lombardi (By Bequest), Councilman Hasset & Councilman Spluzzi

WHEREAS, The Saratoga project is supported by a wide range of Rhode Island interest and organizations, including veterans, elected officials, labor union leaders, educators, environmentalist, and business and community groups; and

WHEREAS, Resolutions of support for the Saratoga project have been passed by RI cities and towns and both houses of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Exeter views with serious concern the recent refusal by the Governor and the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation Board to extend the conditional approval agreement for the Saratoga project; and

WHEREAS, The Town of North Kingstown has been the homeport of Naval aviation and numerous aircraft carries in the 1940's, 1950's and 1960's, and the Town of Exeter believes the Saratoga project will be a substantial benefit and a valuable asset to the community, the region, and the entire state.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the City of Providence confirms its enthusiastic support for the USS Saratoga Museum at Quonset Point and strongly supports the continuing fundraising efforts underway for the project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Providence urges all interested parties: the Governor, the General Assembly, elected officials of the cities and town, RI Economic Development Corporation, chambers of commerce and tourism agencies, and all citizens to join us in a cooperative effort to raise the funding necessary and overcome all obstacles to make the Saratoga Museum a reality.

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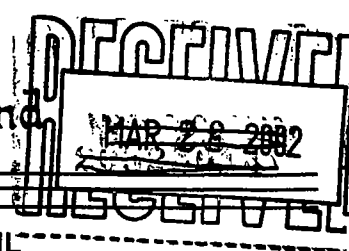
*Vincent Cianci*  
MAYOR

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READ AND PASSED

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## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE USS SARATOGA MUSEUM PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the USS Saratoga Museum Foundation has worked diligently for three years to relocate the super carrier Saratoga from the US Navy Base at Middletown, RI to Quonset Point, historic home of the Navy's carrier component through three wars; and

**WHEREAS**, the Saratoga, the first super carrier to be selected to become a Museum, will also be a Patriotic Memorial, an Educational Center and a Family Attraction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Saratoga Foundation has been engaged in a fundraising drive to obtain the \$8.5 million for relocation, mooring and development of the Museum; and

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**WHEREAS**, additionally, the Saratoga project is designed to be a major educational resource for Washington County and the surrounding region, to include a Vocational School and other business development programs to educate youth, train and retrain workers, and to be a useful and attractive component of the industrial park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Saratoga project is supported by a wide range of Rhode Island interest and organizations, including veterans, elected officials, labor union leaders, educators, environmentalist, and business and community groups; and

**WHEREAS**, resolutions of support for the Saratoga project have been passed by RI cities and towns and both houses of the General Assembly; and

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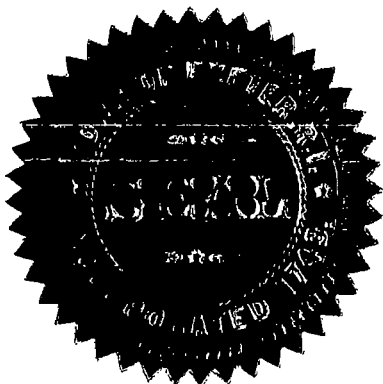
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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Town of Exeter confirms its enthusiastic support for the USS Saratoga Museum at Quonset Point and strongly supports the continuing fundraising efforts underway for the project; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Town Council of the Town of Exeter urges all interested parties: the Governor, the General Assembly, elected officials of the cities and towns, RI Economic Development Corporation, chambers of commerce and tourism agencies, and all citizens to join us in a cooperative effort to raise the funding necessary and overcome all obstacles to make the Saratoga Museum a reality; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, members of the General Assembly, elected officials of our sister cities and towns, and the members of the Boards of the Quonset/Davisville Management Board and RI Economic Development Corporation.

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2002



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Ross L. Aker

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

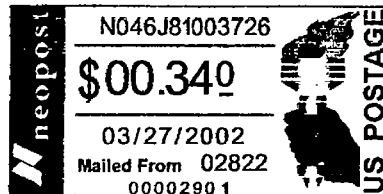
Cheryl A. Chorney, CMC

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