

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No.**Approved*

WHEREAS, In that it is the sworn duty of the City Council to protect the interest of the people of this City and to ensure excellence in our City's government, and

WHEREAS, In that it is of paramount importance that we guard against fraud, deceit, neglect of duty and gross misconduct on the part of those individuals charged with the administration of those interests, and

WHEREAS, Certain charges, of a grave and serious nature, have been forcefully brought to our attention, both by common discussion and the media,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the President of the City Council shall exercise his power to appoint a five (5) person standing committee, made up of Members of the City Council, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said Committee shall be vested with the authority to investigate the various departments, their officials, and the activities, thereof, within the perimeters established under Sections 402 and 403 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, which will include the right to subpoena and the right to require that all testimony shall be given under oath.

Said investigation shall include the activities of, and the individuals involved with, the various departments, Commissions and Authorities of the City of Providence.

Should this Committee find evidence of gross dereliction of duty on the part of any Commissioner, Department Head, or Administrator, or if the Committee shall find evidence of any wrongdoings on the part of any duly contracted individual or organization, said information and evidence shall immediately be presented to the Committee of the whole with recommendations for appropriate disciplinary or legal action.

Said Committee shall have the right to retain private counsel.

IN CITY COUNCIL

SEP 1 1983

READ AND NOT PASSED

Joseph Mendonca CLERK

Councilman Pitts and Councilman Easton