

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 80

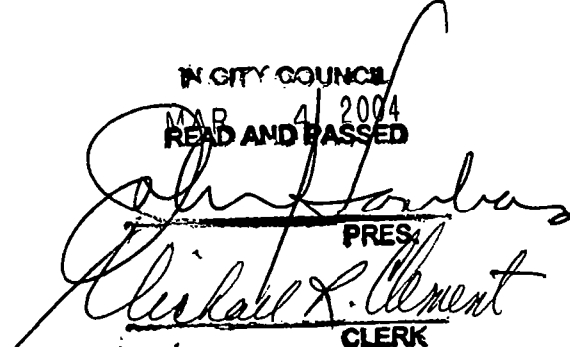

Approved March 11, 2004

WHEREAS, In October 1754, Providence took its first steps toward establishing a volunteer fire department, and at the request of residents at a Town Meeting, Providence assessed a tax in order to raise money for the purchase of a large water engine. The same act of legislation also required every Providence homeowner to acquire "two good leather buckets" to carry water to the new engine; and

WHEREAS, Nearly one hundred years later, the Providence Common Council responded to the needs of a growing city and its citizens, thereby passing an ordinance to establish the Providence Fire Department as a paid organization, effective March 1, 1854; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Fire Department has exemplified 150 years of bravery, dedication and excellence to the citizens of the City of Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby extend sincere congratulations to the Providence Fire Department on its 150th anniversary as the second oldest paid department in the country, founded March 1, 1854.

<p style="text-align:center">IN CITY COUNCIL READ AND PASSED  PRES. CLERK</p>	<p style="text-align:center">APPROVED  MAYOR 3/11/04</p>
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Council President Lombardi; Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Medina, Councilwoman
DeBuzza, Councilmen Hasset, Iglerzi, Jackson, Lura, Mancini, Councilwoman Romano,
Councilman Legal Councilwoman Williams & Young).