

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 3

Approved January 14, 2021

WHEREAS, The people of Haiti celebrate the anniversary of Haiti's independence from France, the significance of which transcends the territorial boundaries of the Caribbean nation; and

WHEREAS, On January 1, 1804, Haiti not only became the second country in the Western Hemisphere to declare sovereignty from a European power, but also was the first among its neighbors to abolish slavery; and

WHEREAS, Haiti holds the unique distinction of being the only country where a revolt led by slaves successfully culminated in independence and in the establishment of the first black nation in history; and

WHEREAS, The Haitian Revolution radically challenged the foundations of societies in the Western Hemisphere and abroad as it represented some of the most important democratic ideals such as sovereignty, freedom and the legal equality of all persons, when all of Latin America and the Caribbean remained under European colonial rule which was designed to build the European economies and societies off of the labor of enslaved Africans; and

WHEREAS, The Haitian Revolution's defeat of the colonial armies of France, Britain and Spain inspired revolutionaries and slave communities all over the Americas and the precedent set by the Haitian people signaled that freedom and equality were not impossible.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby acknowledges January 1 as Haitian Independence Day in perpetuity, and further joins Haitians in the United States and abroad in commemorating the remarkable event in the history of the Caribbean nation, its people, the Americas and the world.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor
Date: 1/14/21