

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council recognizes and honors the invaluable contributions and sacrifices made by veterans and their families in service to our nation; and

WHEREAS, Representative Anthony DeSimone (D-District 5, Providence) has introduced House Bill H5307, which, if enacted, would grant the Providence City Council the authority to set and adjust Providence veteran's tax exemption amounts through ordinance or resolution; and

WHEREAS, Senator Frank Ciccone (D-District 7, Providence, Johnston), is working to introduce companion legislation in the Rhode Island Senate; and

WHEREAS, Under current state law, veterans tax exemption amounts are statutorily fixed, which limits the ability of the City Council to adjust exemption amounts in response to changing economic conditions and the diverse needs of the city's veteran community; and

WHEREAS, Granting the Providence City Council the ability to set and modify veterans tax exemptions would provide greater flexibility for the city to support its residents who have served in the armed forces, ensuring they receive fair and meaningful tax relief; and

WHEREAS, The passage of this legislation would empower the Providence City Council to enhance the well-being and quality of life for Providence veterans and their families; and

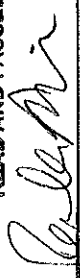

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council is deeply committed to advocating for policies that benefit our veterans and their families, to whom we all owe an enormous debt of gratitude, by recognizing the sacrifices they have made for all of us and their contributions to our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby expresses its strong support for House Bill H5307 and incoming Rhode Island Senate companion bill, and urges the Rhode Island General Assembly to pass this legislation; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage of this resolution, copies be transmitted to Representative Anthony DeSimone, Senator Frank Ciccone, and the members of the Providence Special Commission on Veterans Affairs.

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 20 2025

READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date: 2/28/2025