

1 THE CITY OF CRANSTON

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3 **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

4 **REQUESTING THAT THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACT**
5 **SENATE BILL 55 AND HOUSE BILLS 5159 AND 5207 LIMITING THE**
6 **NUMBER OF SEX OFFENDERS AT HARRINGTON HALL TO 10% OF THE**
7 **POPULATION AND REQUIRING TIMELY NOTIFICATION OF**
8 **REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS MOVING INTO TEMPORARY HOUSING**
9 **OR SHELTERS BY THE MANAGEMENT OF SAID FACILITIES**

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Michael J Farina, City Council President

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18 *Resolved that,*

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20 WHEREAS, Current laws related to the housing of convicted sex offenders and
21 requirements for convicted sex offenders to register with local law enforcement have
22 resulted in both the concentration of known sex offenders in certain communities and
23 disagreement over registration requirements; and

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25 WHEREAS, the current situation has created a surge in the sex offender
26 population at the Harrington Hall Homeless Shelter adjacent to State institutions in the
27 City of Cranston; and

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29 WHEREAS, the authority of local police to monitor the number of registered sex
30 offenders in the community has been challenged under current law and has been
31 controlled by voluntary agreement between police and the state government.

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33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cranston City Council urges
34 the General Assembly to enact the above mentioned Senate Bill #55 and House Bills
35 5159 and 5207, allowing Cranston City officials to obtain accurate and up-to-date lists of
36 registered sex offenders within an acceptable time after moving into a homeless shelter or
37 other temporary housing, and to eliminate the unintended loophole in current law that
38 impedes the monitoring of the whereabouts of homeless sex offenders on a timely basis
39 and to limit the concentration of sex offenders at such shelters.

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43 Sponsored by Council Vice-President Favicchio
44 Co-Sponsored by Council President Farina, Councilmen Paplauskas, Hopkins and
45 Colford