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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

RESOLUTION NO. 9

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RESTORING COST REDUCTIONS DIRECTED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the City of East Providence ("City") has already exceeded the fiscal goals presented to them by the Budget Commission in its Five Year Plan for the City, including a bond rating increase of 2 grades; and

WHEREAS, the City has attained through prudent fiscal management a general fund surplus of approximately \$13,200,000.00, and a fully funded "rainy day" fund of approximately \$10,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City has fully funded its pension Annual Retirement Contribution ("ARC") since 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City is prepared to fully fund its Other Post-Employment Benefits ("OPEB") ARC for fiscal years 2013 and 2014 into a newly created trust fund created by the Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust making them one of the few cities in Rhode Island to do so; and

WHEREAS, the City has, since the departure of the Budget Commission, allocated over \$8,000,000.00 for road and infrastructure repair; a figure well in excess of that proposed in the Budget Commission's Five Year Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of East Providence authorize the City Manager, at his discretion, to restore any departmental cost reductions or non-union, non-ordinance based benefit reductions.

Adopted by the City Council: June 16, 2015
Attest:
City Clerk of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island

Requested by: Mayor Rose