

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 70

Approved February 26, 2026

WHEREAS, The Crook Point Bridge, which spans the Seekonk River, is an iconic feature of the Providence skyline as it has famously been fixed in the upright position since its last usage in 1976; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation's plans to demolish the bridge were halted six years ago after overwhelming community feedback asked for the bridge to be maintained and preserved; and

WHEREAS, Community affection for the Crook Point Bridge has led to its image appearing on merchandise representing the City of Providence - much of it sold by local artists and vendors - and even the logo of a local youth baseball league; and

WHEREAS, The Crook Point Bridge is a historic landmark in its own right as the only remaining bridge of its type in Rhode Island and one of the only remaining bridges of its type in the country; and

WHEREAS, The Crook Point Bridge is located next to important outdoor community amenities such as Gano Park, the Fox Point Community Garden, and a paved path for walking and biking; and

WHEREAS, The pedestrian bridge across the Providence River was similarly preserved by the City with great success and utility to local residents; and

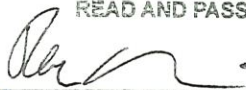

WHEREAS, Five years have passed since the Department of Transportation announced a preliminary agreement with the City of Providence to transfer control over the bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Providence City Council hereby supports and urges passage of legislation creating a Crook Point Bridge Authority that would be responsible for the development and maintenance of this city landmark in the public interest; and


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage a copy of this resolution be sent to President of the Senate Valarie J. Lawson, Speaker of the House Joseph Shekarchi, and the members of the Providence and East Providence delegations.

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 19 2026

READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Brett P. Smith
Mayor
Date: 2/26/26