

THE CITY OF CRANSTON

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND R.I. GEN. LAWS § 44-3-3 TO GRANT TAX-EXEMPT STATUS TO THE LITTLE FLOWER HOME FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 85 WEST VIEW AVENUE, CRANSTON, RI

Resolution No. 2025-

Passed:

Jessica M. Marino, Council President

WHEREAS, the Little Flower Home is a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation and a federally recognized 501(c)(3) charitable organization that provides temporary housing and support services to pregnant women and their children in crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Little Flower Home has recently acquired property located at 85 West View Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island, further identified as Plat 11, Lot 1408, to expand its mission of offering safe and supportive housing; and

WHEREAS, the Little Flower Home's operations are consistent with the public interest and welfare of the City of Cranston, contributing positively to the community by supporting vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, R.I. Gen. Laws § 44-3-3 provides for property tax exemptions for certain nonprofit organizations, and an amendment to this statute is necessary to include the Little Flower Home's property in Cranston; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island General Assembly has previously granted similar tax exemptions to nonprofit organizations for specific properties through amendments to R.I. Gen. Laws § 44-3-3 ;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Cranston respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly to enact legislation amending R.I. Gen. Laws § 44-3-3 to include the following:

”(XX) Real and tangible personal property of the Little Flower Home, a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation, located at 85 West View Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island, further identified as Plat 11, Lot 1408; provided that the organization maintains its status as a federal 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation and a domestic nonprofit charitable corporation.”

41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Cranston
42 delegation of the Rhode Island General Assembly for consideration and action.

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48 Sponsored by: Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins and Councilwoman Kristen E. Haroian

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50 To be referred to Ordinance Committee June 12, 2025