

1 THE CITY OF CRANSTON

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3 **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

4 **“URGING THE COUNCIL AND THE ADMINISTRATION TO PROCLAIM MARCH AS**
5 **A REMEMBRANCE MONTH OF SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF COVID- 19”**

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Christopher G. Paplauskas, Council President

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15 *Resolved that,*

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17 **WHEREAS**, the first Monday in March has been designated as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors
18 Memorial Day; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) is an illness caused by a virus that can transmit from person
21 to person and has spread across the world, creating a global pandemic that is having catastrophic
22 effects on human life, our community, and our economy; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, Local and state governments, health departments, and public servants have taken bold
25 actions to protect residents, support struggling local economies, and find innovative ways to provide
26 services; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, In response to rapid spread of COVID-19 and stay-at-home orders, essential workers
29 have stepped up to provide critical services to help protect our communities and save lives, sacrificing
30 their own health and safety; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has had a disproportionate impact on low-income communities and
33 communities of color, exacerbating inequities already prevalent in our systems that we must address
34 as a nation; and

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36 **WHEREAS**, Public health guidance and policies targeted at prevention, such as social distancing,
37 wearing masks in public, and staying home help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, prevent illness,
38 and lessen the burden on individuals and society; and

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40 **WHEREAS**, The symptoms and severity of COVID-19 can vary dramatically by individual and the
41 long-term health implications for survivors is largely unknown, as many survivors suffer with
42 lingering side-effects of the disease long after they no longer test positive; and

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44 **WHEREAS**, More than 2.65 million people worldwide including about 535 thousand people in the
45 United States have lost their lives due to COVID-19, and, in Cranston alone, more than 130 lives
46 have been lost to this pandemic; and

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WHEREAS, Each life lost to COVID-19 mattered and leaves a hole in the hearts of loved ones, family members, and surrounding community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Cranston city Council supports the designation of the first Monday in March as “COVID-19 Memorial Day”, and commit to hold remembrance ceremony in honor of people who have lost their lives and those who are forever Marked By COVID and continue to be impacted by this virus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution is transmitted to all Rhode Island municipalities

Sponsored by: Councilwoman Germain