



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION
Crossroads RI Day

WHEREAS, Crossroads was founded 125 years ago in October 1894 as the Travelers Aid Committee of the YWCA to provide relief to travelers new to Providence and Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, Crossroads has provided aid to vulnerable Rhode Islanders with temporary shelter, job training, and employment opportunities to help ensure that more people know the benefits of a safe and stable home; and

WHEREAS, Crossroads is consistently held up as a national example in the fight against homelessness and the battle for affordable and reliable access to safe, healthy housing; and

WHEREAS, Crossroads has evolved from a shelter-based organization to a solutions-focused community resource and the state's leading supplier of housing and services to the homeless; and

WHEREAS, Crossroads' Housing First approach moves Rhode Islanders with the greatest needs out of shelter and into housing as soon as possible and provides the services and support necessary to help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, as many as 4,000 Rhode Islanders experience homelessness each year, the vast majority are working people who often struggle just to get by; and

WHEREAS, Crossroads is the only homeless services provider open 24-hours a day, seven-days-a-week, 365-days-a year; and

WHEREAS, Crossroads operates five shelters, including two women's shelters, the largest men's shelter in the state, and a family shelter; and

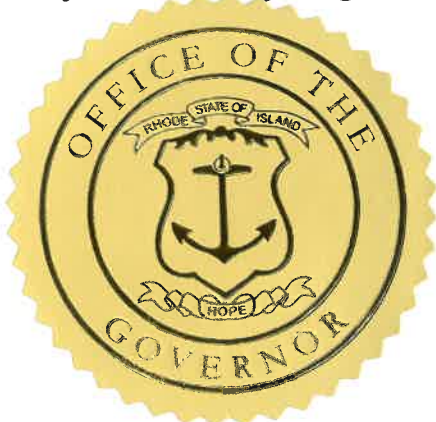
WHEREAS, Crossroads owns or manages more than 370 units of permanent affordable housing statewide; and

WHEREAS, Crossroads provided more than 3,500 Rhode Islanders with support in 2018, including 1,000 women and 750 children; and

WHEREAS, more than 430 Rhode Islanders participated in Crossroads' adult education and employment programs last year; and

WHEREAS, research shows that greater access to secure and affordable housing improves mental and physical health, academic achievement and economic growth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2019, as: ***Crossroads RI Day*** in the state and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the vital service Crossroads provides to our state.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 15 day of October, 2019

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State