

PROVIDENCE Journal

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A Note to Providence Journal Readers

Dear Readers:

It is with great honor and excitement that we announce our agreement with A. H. Belo to purchase **The Providence Journal**. Your newspaper has had a remarkable 185-year history, and we are proud to be part of the next era of great journalism in Rhode Island.

As the longest continuously published daily newspaper, **The Providence Journal** holds a significant position in American newspaper history. We recognize and value the company's iconic brand, its tradition of providing award-winning journalism, and its important role in serving Greater Providence and Rhode Island.

We enter your market committed to supporting a journalistically proud, sustainable, agile, and innovative organization, and we are committed to upholding the high standards and unquestioned integrity that you have come to expect from **The Providence Journal**.

Our company, New Media Investment Group, the parent company of GateHouse Media, publishes newspapers and websites across the country, including many here in New England. We believe that newspapers will continue to be the leading source of local information for their communities for decades to come. We also believe that succeeding in the future will require investment in new forms of media, new methods of reporting, and new ways of helping you to stay informed.

We also value **The Providence Journal's** ability to connect you, the reader, to your community at large. Such forums as **The Journal's** letters to the editor, online discussions, and the well-attended civic debate series represent vibrant means of bringing people together to discuss the important issues facing the city, state, and local communities.

The newspaper also helps to make important connections between you and the many businesses and organizations in the Rhode Island area. Whether you are looking to buy new furniture or a car, searching for something to do at night, or just checking Sunday circulars for the weekly sales, **The Providence Journal** helps you make these decisions. We truly appreciate the support that advertisers bring to the paper and their contribution towards funding the newspaper's journalism and mission.

We know **The Providence Journal** plays an indispensable role in helping you live your life in and around Rhode Island. We look to uphold these great traditions and make the investments needed to thrive in the new multimedia world. The purchase is expected to close later this summer. We are looking forward to welcoming the readers, advertisers and employees of **The Providence Journal** to our family.



Sincerely,

Kirk A. Davis

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