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NOTE.

The undersigned desires to express his obligations to the Hon. Joshua M. Addeman, Hon. Samuel Clark, the late Hon. Charles Moies, and the late Thomas A. Paine, for valuable aid in the prosecution of his work. He is indebted to Erastus Richardson's History of Woonsocket for suggestions and the smoothing the path of investigation.

The death of the Hon. Charles Moies and Thomas A. Paine, members of the town committees during the progress of the duty accepted by the writer, has removed from Lincoln and Woonsocket men of pronounced ability and character, who have left no survivors more imbued with Rhode Island sentiment and conservatism, or more faithful in the performance of public trusts than themselves. As they were representative men in Old Smithfield, so were their acts and example such as to stimulate and encourage public spirit, public honesty and genuine patriotism.

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for transparency and accountability, particularly in the context of public administration and financial management. The text highlights that without reliable records, it becomes difficult to track expenditures, identify inefficiencies, and ensure that funds are being used for their intended purposes.

2. The second part of the document focuses on the role of internal controls and audits in preventing fraud and mismanagement. It states that a robust system of internal controls is necessary to detect and deter any irregularities or unauthorized actions. Regular audits are also crucial to verify the accuracy of the records and to provide an independent assessment of the organization's financial health and operational performance. The document suggests that a combination of strong internal controls and regular external audits can significantly reduce the risk of financial loss and reputational damage.

3. The third part of the document addresses the need for clear communication and reporting mechanisms. It argues that all stakeholders, including employees, managers, and the public, should have access to timely and accurate information. This involves establishing clear lines of communication and defining the responsibilities of each party. The document also stresses the importance of regular reporting to keep all parties informed about the organization's progress and any potential issues that may arise. By fostering a culture of transparency and open communication, the organization can build trust and ensure that everyone is working towards the same goals.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the importance of training and education for all staff members. It notes that a well-trained workforce is essential for the effective implementation of any system or process. This includes providing ongoing training and development opportunities to keep skills up-to-date and to ensure that employees are equipped to handle any challenges that may arise. The document also emphasizes the need for a strong ethical foundation, where all staff members are encouraged to act with integrity and honesty in all their interactions. This can be achieved through a combination of formal training and a strong organizational culture that values ethical behavior.

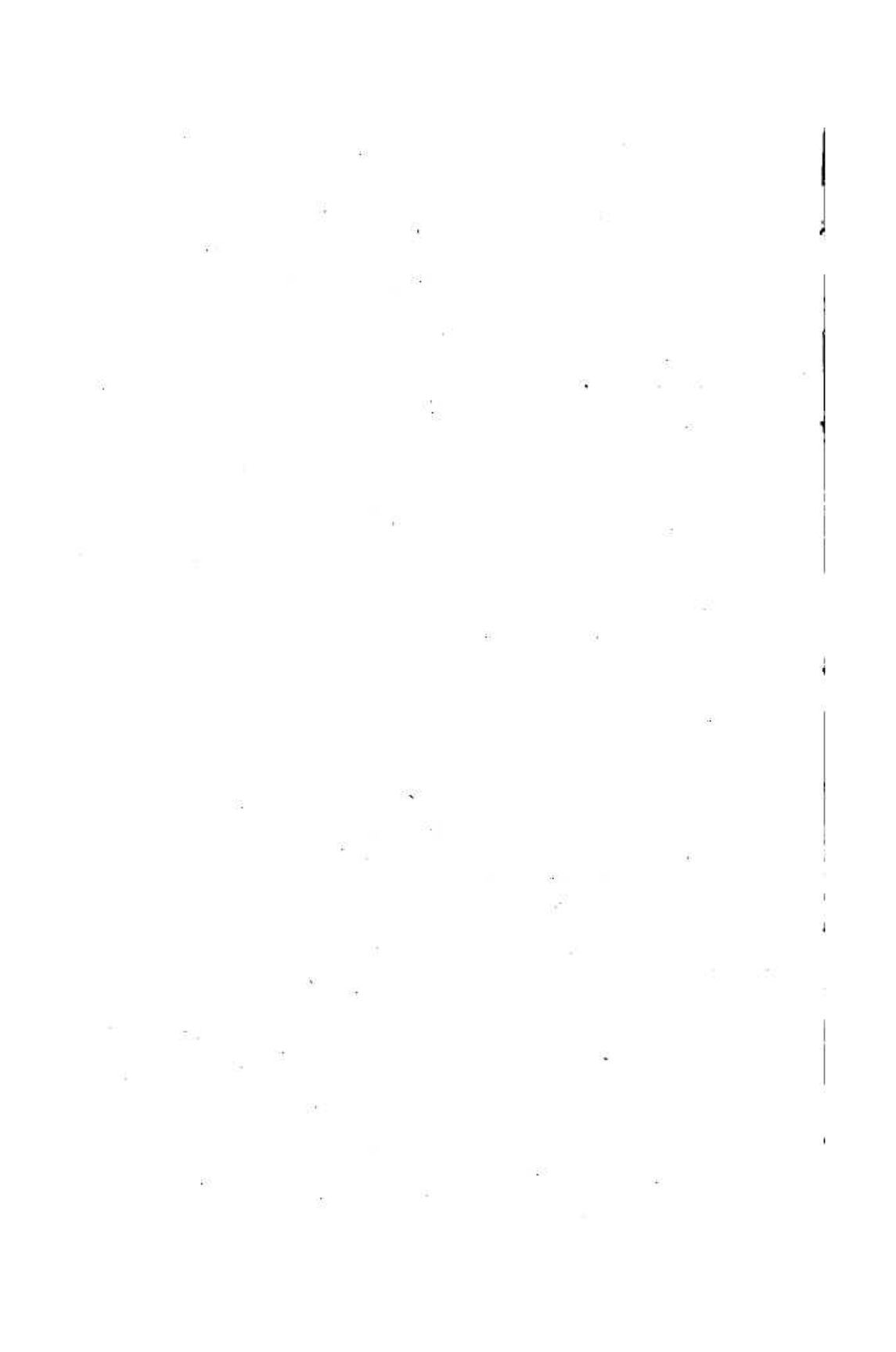
5. The fifth and final part of the document concludes by reiterating the importance of these key elements in ensuring the long-term success and sustainability of the organization. It states that a commitment to transparency, accountability, and ethical behavior is not just a moral imperative but also a practical necessity for any organization that seeks to achieve its mission and vision. The document ends with a call to action, urging all stakeholders to work together to create a more transparent and accountable organization that serves the public interest.

PUBLIC RESOLUTION

Passed by Congress and Approved by the President, March 13th, 1876.

JOINT RESOLUTION on the celebration of the Centennial in the several counties and towns.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it be, and is hereby recommended by the Senate and House of Representatives to the people of the several States that they assemble in their several counties or towns on the approaching centennial anniversary of our national independence, and that they cause to have delivered on such day an historical sketch of said county or town from its formation, and that a copy of said sketch may be filed, in print or manuscript, in the clerk's office of said county, and an additional copy, in print or manuscript, be filed in the office of the librarian of congress, to the intent that a complete record may thus be obtained of the progress of our institutions during the first centennial of their existence.



PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, A joint resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States was duly approved on the 13th day of March last, which resolution is as follows:

“Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that it be and is hereby recommended by the Senate and the House of Representatives to the people of the several States that they assemble in their several counties or towns on the approaching centennial anniversary of our national independence, and that they cause to have delivered on such day an historical sketch of said county or town from its formation, and that a copy of said sketch may be filed in print or manuscript, in the clerk's office of said county, and an additional copy in print or manuscript be filed in the office of the librarian of Congress, to the intent that a complete record may thus be obtained of the progress of our institutions during the first centennial of their existence;” and

WHEREAS, It is deemed proper that such recommendation be brought to the notice and knowledge of the people of the United States,

Now, therefore, I, Ulysses S. Grant, President of the United States, do hereby declare and make known the same, in the hope that the object of such resolution may meet the approval of the people of the United States, and that proper steps may be taken to carry the same into effect.

Given under my hand, at the city of Washington, the 25th day of May, in the year of our Lord 1876, and of the independence of the United States the one hundredth.

By the President,

U. S. GRANT.

HAMILTON FISH, Secretary of State.

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry, no matter how small, should be recorded to ensure the integrity of the financial statements. This includes recording all sales, purchases, and expenses in a timely and accurate manner.

The second part of the document provides a detailed breakdown of the company's revenue. It shows the total revenue for each quarter and year, along with a comparison to the budgeted amounts. This analysis helps identify any variances and the reasons behind them, such as changes in sales volume or pricing.

The third part of the document details the company's expenses. It categorizes expenses into fixed and variable costs, and provides a clear picture of the overall cost structure. This information is crucial for understanding the company's profitability and for making informed decisions about cost management.

The fourth part of the document discusses the company's cash flow. It shows the inflows and outflows of cash over the reporting period, highlighting any periods of cash shortage or surplus. This analysis is essential for ensuring the company's liquidity and for planning future cash requirements.

The fifth part of the document provides a summary of the company's financial performance. It includes key financial ratios and metrics, such as the gross profit margin and the operating leverage ratio, which provide a comprehensive view of the company's financial health and operational efficiency.

Finally, the document concludes with a series of recommendations for improving the company's financial performance. These recommendations are based on the findings of the financial analysis and are designed to help the company achieve its long-term goals and maximize shareholder value.