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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 13, 2022 AS ESSENTIAL WORKERS DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** The COVID-19 pandemic has made it perfectly clear how much our society relies on the hard work of our essential workers, workers in grocery stores, public transportation, agriculture, health care, day care, retail and other sectors providing critical services when they were needed the most; *and*
- WHEREAS,** While many individuals were given the opportunity to work from home, essential workers continued to go into work to ensure that our community had access to essential needs, goods, and services; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Despite being classified as essential workers, people in the service industry, many of whom are people of color, are receiving minimum wage, placing them in the half of Boston that is living on less than \$35,00/year; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Organizations across Boston, including the Black Boston COVID Coalition, the Boston Building Trades, the Greater Boston Labor Council, IBEW 103, MAMLEO, SEIU 509, the United Coalition of EMS Providers, and others have worked to stand up for our essential workers to ensure that they are financially and emotionally supported; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Boston City Council has an obligation to ensure that our essential workers are cared for, in terms of public health, economic empowerment, housing, mental health, education, and more; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

**RESOLVED,**

That the Boston City Council recognizes March 13, 2022 as Essential Workers Day in the City of Boston.

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