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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY AS HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Haitian Heritage Month is celebrated annually across the globe during the month of May to recognize the rich history, culture, and contributions of Haitians to society, and to promote awareness and understanding of the Haitian-American community; *and*

WHEREAS, Haiti is the only country founded from a slave revolt, the first free Black republic in the world, the first independent state in the Caribbean and the second independent state in the Western Hemisphere after the United States; *and*

WHEREAS, Haitian Americans have also made significant contributions to the fields of medicine, science, education, and business, among others, and have enriched the fabric of American society with their culture and traditions; *and*

WHEREAS, Haiti has experienced a significant increase in violence and insecurity in recent years, including political unrest, gang violence, and human rights abuses, resulting in a humanitarian crisis that has left many Haitians vulnerable and in need of assistance; *and*

WHEREAS, We call on all levels of government, and the international community, to support Haiti in its efforts to address this crisis, including providing humanitarian aid, promoting accountability for human rights abuses, and supporting efforts to strengthen democratic institutions and the rule of law, while providing refuge and assistance to Haitian migrants; *and*

WHEREAS, We encourage everyone throughout Boston to participate in activities and events throughout the month that celebrate Haitian culture, including the Heritage Month Panel & Reception at the U.S.S. Constitution Museum (5/3), Day of Service with Immigrant Family Services Institute at Madison Park High School (5/6), Story Time at Boston Public Library (5/9), City Hall flag raising (5/18), and Flag Day Parade along Blue Hill Avenue through Dorchester and Mattapan (5/21); *and*

WHEREAS, Boston has a proud tradition of embracing and welcoming immigrants by celebrating and honoring their achievements and contributions; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the City of Boston recognize May as Haitian Heritage Month, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the rich culture and history of the Haitian community in Boston.