

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE 2023 WORLD OPEN MARTIAL ARTS CHAMPIONSHIP (WOMAC) *OFFERED BY COUNCILOR DURKAN*

- WHEREAS,** Boston recognizes the value of health and lifelong fitness for all and appreciates the work of The World Fighting Martial Arts Federation (WFMAF) to preserve martial arts through communication, exchange, and research; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston will host the 2023 World Open Martial Arts Championship (WOMAC) for the first time on Sunday, September 10th; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Organizers of the WOMAC in Boston including Sifu Bob Rosen, Professor John Hatfield, Mai Du, and Huan Zhang have made significant contributions to the City of Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Organizer and Fenway resident, Mr. Huan Zhang from Huan's Tai Chi, who was involved in an NIH study with the University of Massachusetts demonstrating the value of Tai Chi for older adults with chronic pain, has, for the past decade, taught Tai Chi classes at Symphony Park for seniors in the neighborhood to improve health and promote understanding and practice of martial arts; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The advocacy, support, and organization of Sifu Huan Zhang has been instrumental in bringing the World Open Martial Arts Championship to Boston;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council recognizes the positive impact Mr. Huan Zhang has made in Boston and his efforts to bring the 2023 World Open Martial Arts Championship (WOMAC) to Boston, which celebrates the diverse martial arts styles of Modern Wushu, Northern Kung Fu, Southern Kung Fu, Karate, Internal Martial Arts, and Taijiquan, as well as combat competitions in Kempo Sparring, Point Sparring, Push hands, and Self-Defense Demonstrations.

Filed on: September 8, 2023

By: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: Dassie Bheecham
Asst. Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Sharon E Durkan

Date: 9/8/23

