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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUING THE WORK AND FUNDING OF THE BOSTON REPARATIONS TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, The Boston Reparations Task Force was established pursuant to a City ordinance to study the City of Boston's role in slavery and its lasting impacts, engage residents and stakeholders, and develop recommendations for truth, reconciliation, and reparative justice; *and*

WHEREAS, The work of the Task Force has involved extensive historical research, community engagement, public education, and the examination of policies and practices that have contributed to racial inequities affecting Black residents and descendants of enslaved people in Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, The publication of research findings and recommendations represents a significant milestone in the City's reparations process but does not, by itself, address the harms identified through that research or fulfill the goals of truth, reconciliation, and reparative justice; *and*

WHEREAS, The FY27 budget narrative states that funding reductions reflect the conclusion of the Reparations Task Force phase of the project, while noting that reparations work will continue through the publication of research reports; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston should demonstrate its continued commitment to reparative justice by ensuring that adequate staffing, resources, and funding remain available to support the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of recommendations arising from the Task Force's work; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council expresses its support for the continuation of the Boston Reparations Task Force's work beyond the publication of its final report, urges the City of Boston to maintain dedicated staffing and funding to support implementation of the Task Force's recommendations, and reaffirms its commitment to advancing truth, reconciliation, and reparative justice for Black residents and descendants of enslaved people in Boston.

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