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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING AUGUST 6 AS JAMAICA INDEPENDENCE DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, On August 6, 1962, Jamaica achieved independence from British colonial rule, marking a significant milestone in the nation's history and paving the way for its development as a sovereign nation; and

WHEREAS, Jamaica is the fourth most common country of origin for Boston's foreign-born population, with this city being home to more than 7,000 Jamaican residents; and

WHEREAS, Notable Jamaican figures in Boston, such as musician Danny Tucker and others, have made significant contributions to various fields including the arts, education, healthcare, and community leadership, enhancing the city's reputation as a hub of talent and innovation; and

WHEREAS, The Jamaican community in Boston boasts numerous thriving small businesses that add to the economic vitality of the city, with popular Jamaican restaurants such as Jamaica Mi Hungry, Flames, and Only One Jamaican Restaurant offering authentic and beloved culinary experiences; and

WHEREAS, The contributions of Jamaicans to the social, cultural, and economic fabric of Boston are immeasurable, with many individuals excelling in fields such as entrepreneurship, academia, and public service, thereby enriching the lives of all Bostonians; and

WHEREAS, Celebrating Jamaica Independence Day in Boston provides an opportunity to honor and recognize the enduring legacy, achievements, and cultural heritage of the Jamaican community; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council does hereby declare August 6 as Jamaica Independence Day in the City of Boston, encouraging all residents to join in the celebration of Jamaica's independence, the contributions of Jamaicans to our city, and the vibrant cultural diversity that makes Boston a unique and thriving metropolis.

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