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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 5TH AS CRISPUS ATTUCKS DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** Crispus Attucks was born into slavery in Framingham, Massachusetts, around the year 1723, with his father being an enslaved African man named Prince Yonger and his mother being a Native American woman named Nancy Attucks; *and*
- WHEREAS,** For over 300 years, the legacy of Crispus Attucks has stood as a testament to the resilience, courage, and contributions of Black and Indigenous Americans to the fight for freedom and equality in this nation; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Crispus Attucks embraced his multicultural heritage and rose above the shackles of slavery to become a sailor and a skilled whaler, spending much of his life at sea and working along the docks of the Atlantic seaboard, earning a reputation as a trusted longshoreman and negotiator; *and*
- WHEREAS,** On March 5, 1770—256 years ago—Crispus Attucks made the ultimate sacrifice as the first person killed in the Boston Massacre, an event that ignited the flames of the American Revolution and forever changed the course of history, acknowledging him as the first hero of the Revolution; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Attucks’ sacrifice symbolizes the fight for freedom, justice, and equality, inspiring generations of Americans to stand up against oppression, and his legacy has been celebrated nationwide, including through institutions such as the Crispus Attucks High School in Indianapolis, the U.S. Navy’s USS Attucks, and various statues and memorials across the country; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston Latin School held the inaugural Crispus Attucks Commemoration Day essay competition last year, organized by the Friends of Crispus Attucks, as a way to further the education of his life; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston is committed to ensuring Crispus Attucks’ legacy is honored through the establishment of a permanent monument, with efforts underway to finalize a location and commit to funding; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The announcement of a permanent statue’s future location would be fitting to come while the country is celebrating its 250th anniversary, with the goal of a statue to be completed in time for Boston’s 400th anniversary in 2030; *and*

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WHEREAS, Designating March 5th as Crispus Attucks Day serves as a reminder of the ongoing struggle for civil rights and social justice, providing an opportunity for education, reflection, and community engagement; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT;**

RESOLVED, That the Boston City Council hereby recognizes March 5, 2026, as Crispus Attucks Day in the City of Boston, and urges all residents to honor his memory and legacy through appropriate observances and activities.

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