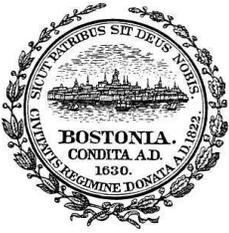


OFFERED BY COUNCILORS RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE, BRIAN WORRELL,
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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A FLAG RAISING TO CELEBRATE MONTSERRAT

- WHEREAS:** Montserrat, known as the Emerald Isle of the Caribbean, possesses a rich and diverse cultural heritage that is deeply rooted in African, Irish, and British traditions; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Montserrat is the only country outside of Ireland to celebrate St. Patrick's Day as a national holiday, and includes honoring an attempted rebellion by enslaved Africans against European colonizers in 1768; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Montserrat's St. Patrick's Festival is unique in the Caribbean for its commemoration of Montserrat's Irish heritage alongside the celebration of Emancipation; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Montserrat has contributed significantly to the world of music, hosting recording sessions for renowned international artists, thereby placing it on the global map for music production; *and*
- WHEREAS:** the international community recognizes and appreciates Montserrat for its contributions to culture, science, and environmental conservation; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The flag of Montserrat symbolizes the island's identity, heritage, and the enduring spirit of its people, featuring the Union Jack as a self-governing overseas territory within the British Commonwealth and the coat of arms to represent Montserrat's landscape and aspirations; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**
- ORDERED:** That on March 8, 2024, the Boston City Council orders the Property Management Department to raise the flag of Montserrat on the Congress St. flagpole at City Hall, and offer the people of Boston an invaluable opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate a deeper understanding of Montserrat history and traditions, and to strengthen the bonds of friendship between all members of our diverse community.

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