



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMISSIONING OF THE USS MASSACHUSETTS

- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston has fostered a spirit of liberty and a dedication to the duty of building and protecting the freedoms of the citizenry since colonial times; *and*
- WHEREAS:** That from the Commonwealth then General George Washington ordered three schooners to cruise off the coast of Massachusetts to intercept enemy supply lines, action that helped inspire the Continental Congress to form the United States Navy on October 13, 1775; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The Boston National Historical Park is the home of the three masted wooden hull heavy frigate, the USS Constitution, our nation's longest serving commissioned vessel; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The USS Constitution has recently made history in the leadership brought forward through the first women to respectively lead the Historical Ship; *and*
- WHEREAS:** A second ship that valiantly served our nation and bore the name USS Massachusetts from 1942 to 1947 in that time she served in all major theatres of World War II – firing the first and the last 16 inch battleship runs from her large deck guns, earning 11 battle stars for her wartime service, now serves a national museum within our Commonwealth; *and*
- WHEREAS:** There is to be a new USS Massachusetts, a fast attack submarine of the Virginia Class, capable of stealthily projecting power around the world to support our nation's security; *and*
- WHEREAS:** This submarine, the eighth to bear the name USS Massachusetts, is expected to carry-on the traditions of all previous ships named USS Massachusetts and to be supported by our citizenry as she sails in our name; *and*
- WHEREAS:** This submarine, as one of the Block IV Virginia Class ships, is purposefully built for the inclusion of women sailors will be a place that fosters the service and leadership of both men and women; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In 2018, the USS Thomas Hudner (DDG 116), a guided -missile destroyer, was commissioned at Flynn Cruiseport Boston, and our city has the finest hosting site for the commissioning of Navy ships with resources for support and security; *and*
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council of the City of Boston support the Commissioning of the USS Massachusetts and to promote the selection by the U.S. Secretary of the Navy of Boston as the commissioning site of Submarine Massachusetts; *and*
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Massachusetts Congressional delegation, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the State Treasurer, and members of the State Senate and the House of Representatives.