

WHEREAS: English High School was established in 1821 as a public secondary school to provide an education for boys with an emphasis on a strong course of study in the English language and created a curriculum to achieve success in the world of commerce and industry; and

WHEREAS: English Classical School opened at the corner of Derne and Temple Streets on Beacon Hill and a plaque to commemorate the nation's first public high school can be seen today at the site of the old building; and

WHEREAS: English High School was given a new home on Bedford Street which it shared with Boston Latin School; and

WHEREAS: English High School and Boston Latin School moved again in 1881 to a magnificent school building in the South End that accommodated over 2000 students and the building was an outstanding architectural achievement of that time; and

WHEREAS: English High School, in the fall of 1973, moved to its new location on Avenue Louis Pasteur directly across the street from Boston Latin School in a building previously occupied by the High School of Commerce; and

WHEREAS: English High School continued its great educational traditions at its newest location directly behind the Commerce building where a ten-story building was built and in 1973, students returned to the "Tower" where for the first time, girls were admitted and its exam school status was dropped; and

WHEREAS: English High School, for the first time in its 167 year old life, was located in Jamaica Plain surrounded by a neighborhood and community in 1989;
THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council recognizes and celebrates the educational achievements and the impact its graduates have had in the City of Boston on the 200th Anniversary of the founding of English High School and declares October 2, 2021 to be "English High School Day" in the City of Boston.