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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND CELEBRATE MARCH 27th AS KRIOLA'S INTERNATIONAL DAY

- WHEREAS,** Women's Organization of Cape Verde (OMCV) was founded in 1981 and in 1983 they proposed the day of March 27th to be Kriola's International Day or International Cape Verdean Women's Day; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Cape Verdean Women Day is celebrated annually on March 27th to recognize the contributions and achievements of Cape Verdean women around the world; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Although there are 597,000 Cape Verdeans living in Cape Verde, there are over 700,000 Cape Verdeans living abroad with around 260,000 living in the United States; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Massachusetts is home to the largest population of Cape Verdeans with a citizenship of 70,000 across the state and over 13,000 in Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Cape Verdean community has a unique history consisting of the courage of a people and the role their nation was forced to play in the Transatlantic Slave Trade; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In search of promising opportunities, Cape Verdeans sailed to the United States in whaling boats in the late 1700s, influencing a multigenerational movement to preserve the heritage while adapting and contributing to new environments; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Cape Verdean women have played a vital role in the development and progress of our city, bringing with them their rich cultural heritage, resilience, and commitment to community; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Cape Verdean women in our city have made significant contributions to our economy, culture, and society, often working in roles that are painstakingly laborious, undervalued, and undercompensated; *and*
- WHEREAS,** It is important that the City of Boston recognize and celebrate the achievements of Cape Verdean women and support their continued progress and empowerment through economic mobility and increased access to opportunities; *and*

WHEREAS, The City Council is committed to promoting gender equity, recognizing the contributions of all women, creating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity and values all its residents, and streamlines paths for success for all residents including Cape Verdean women to ensure the growth of each Bostonian;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council celebrates March 27th as Cape Verdean Women Day and recognizes the contributions and achievements of Cape Verdean women in our city and around the world, and encourages all residents to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Cape Verdean Bostonians, and to work towards creating a more equitable and inclusive community that supports the progress and empowerment of Cape Verdean women.

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