

Offered by City Councilor Julia Mejia



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 AS ANNA MAE DANCY DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** Mrs. Dancy was known to her community as Mother Dancy, where her home was an educational center open to all. Mother Dancy's events would bring children of all backgrounds together. Her large library contains World Books, Britannica Encyclopedias, and Electronics, Health Science and Entertainment books; *and*
- WHEREAS,** To maintain peace in her village, she would host large events at her home during long weekends. Over the last four decades, families and friends from Mattapan, Dorchester, Roxbury, and other Boston neighborhoods have celebrated a woman who is passionate about education in the classroom and at home; *and*
- WHEREAS,** As a teenager/adult, Mother Dancy became an activist in Mississippi with the American Civil Rights Movement, Freedom Summer Project, Freedom Ride, Black Power Movement, and the National Council of Negro Woman; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In Massachusetts her activism continued at the Marcus Garvey Center, the Freedom House, and the Harriet Tubman House, National Advancement Association for Colored People, and the Forced Busing Committee. Everyone could see how she walked in life because she was not afraid to stand front and center. Her life was dedicated to the advancement of people of color; *and*
- WHEREAS,** A warrior with strong character, compassionate and wise, she possessed strong convictions. She had a no-nonsense approach to everything she did; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Mother's home was a safe haven during the compulsory busing in Massachusetts, children would come from miles around to stay until it was safe to go home. Mother Dancy's talk was strong and forceful when it came to children, you would not disrespect her village community, if she had anything to say about it; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Mother Dancy's impact on the community will be felt for decades, and the Boston City Council mourns her passing; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

**RESOLVED,**

That the Boston City Council sends its condolences to the Dancy family and recognizes September 28, 2022 as Anna Mae Dancy Day in the City of Boston.

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