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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 20 AS THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his life to the pursuit of equality, economic justice, and civil rights for all through nonviolent activism and was a pivotal leader in the American Civil Rights Movement; *and*

WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. King's historic leadership led to landmark victories such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which transformed American society and expanded civil liberties for millions of citizens; *and*

WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. King's message of hope, unity, and love transcends time and continues to inspire generations to challenge injustice and pursue the dream of a more inclusive and equitable society; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston holds a special place in the Rev. Dr. King's legacy as the city where he earned his PhD in Systematic Theology from Boston University and met his wife, Coretta Scott King, strengthening Boston's historic connection to his life and mission; *and*

WHEREAS, The creation of the Embrace statue, dedicated in 2023, attracts thousands of visitors each year and provides those visitors with a solemn opportunity to contemplate the civil rights history and honor the contributions of the Rev. Dr. King as well as Boston's leaders of color; *and*

WHEREAS, Recognizing January 20, 2025, as The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Day in the City of Boston provides an opportunity for reflection on Dr. King's legacy and a reaffirmation of our commitment to equity, peace, and justice for all communities; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston continues to address systemic challenges, including housing inequity, economic disparity, and racial injustice, making Dr. King's teachings on civil rights, community engagement, and nonviolent advocacy profoundly relevant to ongoing efforts to foster inclusivity and equity in the city; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby recognizes January 20, 2025, as the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day in the City of Boston and encourages all residents to

honor his legacy by participating in activities that foster community unity and advance his dream of justice and equality for all.

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