

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF BETTY JEAN CHISOLM

WHEREAS, Betty Jean (Compton) Chisolm was born on August 28, 1946, in New Orleans, Louisiana, and made Boston, Massachusetts her home, where she lived a life rooted in faith, family, public service, and community; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Chisolm graduated from Girls' High School of Boston in 1964 and devoted herself to raising and supporting her family, embracing her roles as mother, stepmother, grandmother, and great-grandmother with unwavering love and care; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Chisolm dedicated nearly three decades to public service at the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, beginning as a bus driver in 1978 and advancing to Chief Inspector at the Cabot Garage, from which she retired in 2006; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Chisolm was a trailblazer at the MBTA, becoming one of the first Black female inspectors in the agency's history, earning the respect of her colleagues and leaving a legacy recognized to this day; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Chisolm was a proud union member of Local 589 and Local 600 and exemplified professionalism, leadership, and mentorship throughout her career; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Chisolm was deeply committed to community service, including her leadership with youth programs, mentorship of young people, and long-standing tradition of volunteerism alongside her family; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Chisolm was a woman of faith, serving her church community through music and ministry at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church and Morning Star Baptist Church; *and*

WHEREAS, Betty Jean Chisolm will be remembered for her integrity, generosity, leadership, devotion to family, and lifelong commitment to service, leaving a lasting impact on the City of Boston and all who knew her; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: that the Boston City Council hereby honors and commends the life and legacy of Betty Jean (Compton) Chisolm and extends its sincere condolences to her family, friends, and loved ones.