

## 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.