

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS SHARON DURKAN, BREADON, COLETTA ZAPATA, CULPEPPER, FITZGERALD, FLYNN, LOUIJEUNE, MEJIA, MURPHY, PEPÉN, SANTANA, WEBER, AND WORRELL



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY AND NAMING MARCH 18, 2026 “BOSTON GROUNDWATER TRUST DAY” IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

**WHEREAS,** The Boston Groundwater Trust was established by the Boston City Council in 1986 to monitor groundwater levels and protect the integrity of Boston’s built environment; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Many of Boston’s neighborhoods, including Beacon Hill, Back Bay, South End, Fenway, Bay Village, Chinatown, Fort Point Channel, North End, East Boston, and the Leather District are supported by wood pile foundations that depend on stable groundwater levels to remain structurally sound; *and*

**WHEREAS,** For four decades, the Boston Groundwater Trust has played a critical role in protecting this infrastructure by maintaining observation wells, monitoring groundwater data, and partnering with the City, state agencies, engineers, and residents to ensure responsible development and the long-term protection of Boston’s historic buildings and neighborhoods; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Through these efforts, the Boston Groundwater Trust has built a network of advocates while helping to establish zoning guidelines and a data-informed framework that equips the City to address groundwater challenges for years to come; *and*

**WHEREAS,** As Boston faces increasing pressures from climate change, sea-level rise, and changing rainfall patterns, the work of the Groundwater Trust remains essential to sustaining the resilience and history of our city; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**ORDERED,** The Boston City Council hereby recognizes the 40th Anniversary of the Boston Groundwater Trust, and declares March 18, 2026 as “Boston Groundwater Trust Day” in the City of Boston celebrating its decades of leadership in protecting Boston’s groundwater resources, and extends its sincere gratitude to its Executive Director, Board of Trustees, and supporters.

**OFFERED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

SHARON DURKAN, BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR, DISTRICT 8

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

LIZ BREADON, PRESIDENT OF THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

ALEX GEOURNTAS, CLERK OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_