

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR SHARON DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 8, 2026 AS “INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY” IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Since 1975, the United Nations has recognized International Women’s Day as a global observance honoring women’s achievements while calling for sustained action to secure full economic, political, and social equality; *and*

WHEREAS, International Women’s Day 2026 is themed “Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls,” underscoring the need to dismantle discriminatory laws, inequitable systems, and harmful social norms that continue to restrict opportunity for women worldwide; *and*

WHEREAS, International Women’s Day emerged from early twentieth-century movements in the United States and reflects the nation’s enduring role in advancing democratic participation and equal rights across the globe; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston has long been at the forefront of that progress and continues to serve as a center of women’s leadership in government, medicine and biotechnology, education, entrepreneurship, and athletics; *and*

WHEREAS, As a city shaped by immigrant communities and renowned for its academic, medical, and civic institutions, Boston celebrates the women whose leadership strengthens its neighborhoods and elevates its influence nationally and globally—including in public service, exemplified by Mayor Michelle Wu’s historic tenure as Boston’s first woman and first Asian American Mayor as well as the leadership of other former Boston City Councilors including Andrea Campbell, Lydia Edwards, and Ayanna Pressley; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the Boston City Council recognizes International Women’s Day, celebrates the contributions of women across the City, and reaffirms Boston’s commitment to ensuring women of every background have the opportunity to lead and thrive.