

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ERIN J. MURPHY



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL GIRLS & WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

WHEREAS, National Girls & Women in Sports Day is observed annually during the first week of February, and in 2026 will be recognized on Wednesday, February 4, to honor the achievements of girls and women in sports, recognize progress toward gender equity, and inspire future generations of female athletes, coaches, and leaders; and

WHEREAS, National Girls & Women in Sports Day was first proclaimed in 1987 to honor Olympic athlete Flo Hyman and to recognize the transformative impact of Title IX in expanding opportunities for girls and women in athletics; and

WHEREAS, participation in sports provides girls and young women with opportunities to build confidence, leadership skills, teamwork, resilience, and discipline, while supporting physical health, mental well-being, and lifelong success; and

WHEREAS, access to athletic and recreational opportunities is a critical component of healthy youth development and contributes to positive outcomes in education, social connection, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, girls and young women continue to face barriers to participation in sports, including inequitable access to programs, facilities, funding, mentorship, and fair scheduling of fields and game times, particularly in underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, community-based youth sports organizations, schools, and recreation programs play a vital role in expanding access to athletics for girls and young women across Boston's neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that girls of all backgrounds, abilities, and identities have equitable access to safe, inclusive, and supportive athletic opportunities strengthens families, promotes gender equity, and benefits the City of Boston as a whole; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Boston City Council affirms the importance of equitable access to sports and recreation opportunities for girls and young women, and recognizes the role these opportunities play in fostering leadership, confidence, health, and community connection; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Boston City Council encourages continued collaboration among schools, community organizations, youth sports leagues, and City departments to support and expand athletic opportunities for girls and young women across Boston; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Boston City Council hereby recognizes National Girls & Women in Sports Day 2026 and celebrates the achievements and contributions of girls and women in sports throughout the City of Boston.