

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 30TH, 2025, AS
INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY

WHEREAS, Jazz is a unique art form that embodies a unique blend of creativity, cultural heritage, individual expression, and combining elements of Black musical traditions with global musical techniques and forms; *and*

WHEREAS, The Jazz Preservation Act of 1987, United States Congressional Act, *H.Con.Res. 57 (100th)* states "jazz has achieved preeminence throughout the world as an indigenous American music and art form, bringing this country and the world a uniquely American musical synthesis and culture through the African-American experience"; *and*

WHEREAS, Jazz has played a significant role in the cultural development of Boston, influencing and being integrated into the city's education, arts, and community life; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston has been home to many legendary jazz musicians - such as Mal Hallett, Leo Resiman, Don Redman, Johnny Huges, Harry Carney, Dean Earl, Slam Stewart, Roy Haynes, Alan Dawson, and so many others - and has fostered a vibrant jazz scene that contributes to the city's reputation as a cultural hub; *and*

WHEREAS, In the 1940s and 1950s, Boston thrived with well-known jazz clubs — the Hi Hat, the Wig Wam, Savoy, and Wally's — frequented by jazz greats at the intersection of the South End and Roxbury. Wally's is still operating today, offering live music 365 days a year; *and*

WHEREAS, International Jazz Day highlights the power of jazz as a force for enrichment and creativity, promoting expression and dialogue through musical art, spontaneity, and vitality; *and*

WHEREAS, The observance of International Jazz Day supports the cultural vibrancy of Boston, enriching the lives of residents and visitors alike through performances, education, and community events; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby recognizes April 30th, 2025, as International Jazz Day and encourages all citizens to participate in activities and events celebrating the rich heritage of jazz music, thereby enhancing cultural appreciation and fostering a deeper understanding of this significant art form.