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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 18, 2026 AS “TRANSIT DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY” IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** March 18th marks Transit Driver Appreciation Day, a global holiday honoring public transit drivers and commemorating the launch of the first public bus line and first-ever form of public of transport, the “Five Penny Coaches” in Paris in 1662; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston, home to the oldest subway in North America, takes pride in its public transportation network and it remains a top priority that we continue to maintain and expand it to meet our climate, sustainability, and mobility goals; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston residents and visitors rely on public transportation to go to work, attend school, and travel throughout our city, and transit drivers and operators provide a crucial service in ensuring the smooth, safe and reliable operation of our public transportation systems so riders can reach their destinations; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Thousands of transit drivers and operators support Boston’s public transportation systems, including the more than 3,000 transit workers who power the MBTA across various modes including bus, subway, rail, ferry, and shared transportation, while additional workers transport Boston residents via Massport and city-run routes such as the Mission Hill Link Bus; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Transit drivers are exposed to assault and violence on the job and, until recently, were not always afforded the same protections as other public employees in the Commonwealth until the State expanded assault and battery protections for transit workers at the end of last year; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Public transit drivers and operators provide a critical service, and without them public transportation would not be possible; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- ORDERED:** The Boston City Council honors the diligence, professionalism, and dedication of all public transit drivers and operators who work in the City of Boston and extends its gratitude to them for the work that they do to ensure that residents and visitors can travel throughout our city safely and efficiently, and hereby recognizes March 18, 2026 as “Transit Driver Appreciation Day” in the City of Boston.