

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AS NIGERIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

**WHEREAS,** On October 1, 1960, Nigeria achieved its long-sought independence from colonial rule, marking a historic milestone in the struggle for freedom, autonomy, and sovereignty; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Since gaining independence, Nigeria has made significant progress in various fields, including education, healthcare, infrastructure development, and economic growth, and has emerged as a leading force in Africa; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Nigerian Independence Day serves as a reminder of the importance of unity, diversity, and the pursuit of a brighter future for all citizens, regardless of their background, and encourages us to work collectively to address the challenges that lie ahead; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The contributions of Nigerians at home and abroad have enriched not only their own nation but also the global community, with Nigerian professionals, artists, athletes, and entrepreneurs making remarkable achievements and showcasing the nation's talent and potential; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Nigeria is the largest source of African immigration in the United States and Massachusetts is one of the top 10 states with the highest Nigerian-born population, according to the American Community Survey; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Nigerian Independence Day is characterized by the unwavering commitment, sacrifices, and determination of its people, who came together from diverse ethnic, religious, and cultural backgrounds to forge a united and independent nation; *and*

**WHEREAS,** We encourage everyone to celebrate the rich tapestry of Nigerian culture and heritage, and show the utmost respect and admiration for the Nigerian people in their continued efforts to build a strong, prosperous, and harmonious nation; **NOW  
THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council go on record in support of the 64th anniversary of Nigerian Independence Day this October 1, 2025, and orders the Property Management Department to raise the flag of Nigeria at City Hall on the third flagpole on City Hall Plaza in place of the City of Boston flag on that day, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the appropriate authorities and representatives of the Nigerian government as a symbol of our friendship, solidarity, and best wishes for a joyful Independence Day celebration.

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