

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

**RESOLUTION DECLARING JUNE 2026 AS BOSTON
LGBTQ+ MUSEUM MONTH**

WHEREAS, The City of Boston holds a singular place in American history as the birthplace of the American Revolution and, throughout its history, has served as a leader in advancing democracy, civil rights, and human freedom; and

WHEREAS, As the United States commemorates the 250th anniversary of its founding, communities across the nation are reflecting upon the individuals, movements, and ideals that have shaped the ongoing pursuit of liberty, equality, and justice; and

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has played a defining role in the advancement of LGBTQ+ rights in America through pivotal social movements, legal victories, cultural contributions, and courageous acts of advocacy that have expanded the promise of democracy for all people; and

WHEREAS, The Boston LGBTQ+ Museum of Art, History & Culture is Massachusetts' only cultural institution dedicated exclusively to researching, preserving, interpreting, and exhibiting LGBTQ+ history, art, culture, and lived experiences; and

WHEREAS, The Museum has organized *Vanguard of Democracy: Massachusetts and the Making of LGBTQ+ America*, a landmark exhibition presented in conjunction with the nation's Semiquincentennial commemorations that draws upon archival materials, historical artifacts, oral histories, and firsthand accounts to highlight the interconnected histories of American democracy, City of Boston leadership in the struggle for equality, and the LGBTQ+ movement's enduring contributions to civic life, social progress, and human rights; and

WHEREAS, The exhibition will be presented throughout Pride Month at Massachusetts College of Art and Design, and through its exhibitions, scholarship, and public programming, the Museum continues to strengthen Boston's position as a national leader in arts, culture, education, and historical preservation; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby proclaims June 2026 as Boston LGBTQ+ Museum Month in recognition of the Boston LGBTQ+ Museum of Art, History & Culture's outstanding contributions to preserving and advancing LGBTQ+ history, arts, culture, and the humanities; celebrates the exhibition *Vanguard of Democracy: Massachusetts and the Making of LGBTQ+ America* during the United States Semiquincentennial; and encourages residents and visitors to explore the exhibition and honor the enduring ideals of democracy, equality, and freedom.