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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Caribbean American Heritage Month was first officially recognized in the United States 20 years ago; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston celebrates each of the Caribbean countries throughout the year with flag raisings at City Hall Plaza, but the Caribbean American Heritage Month provides a chance for unity among U.S. residents with Caribbean roots; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston's Caribbean population has grown by more than 200 percent since 1980 and accounts for nearly 18% of the city's population, according to the Planning Department; *and*

WHEREAS, Caribbeans have made a lasting mark across the United States, from politics with Alexander Hamilton, Shirley Chisholm, and Kamala Harris, to arts with Sidney Poitier, Maya Angelou, and Rihanna; *and*

WHEREAS, More than 10,000 Caribbean women work in Boston in health care and personal care industries, providing essential services to all Bostonians; *and*

WHEREAS, In Boston, Shirley Shillingford has shepherded the Caribbean communities for Carnival for decades, and other organizations such as Authentic Caribbean Foundation and United Barbadians In Massachusetts help foster pride and awareness for the Caribbean countries; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston will host various activities to celebrate the Caribbean American Heritage Month, including a flag raising, dominoes tournament, forum and breakfast; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council recognize June as Caribbean American Heritage Month in the City of Boston.

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