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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

**RESOLUTION DECLARING LOUIS D. BROWN DAY OF CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT & BOSTON'S PEACE TRIANGLE**

WHEREAS, Louis D. Brown, born on April 13, 1978, was a young peacemaker and visionary who aspired to become the first Black President of the United States and was deeply committed to civic engagement and violence prevention in his community; *and*

WHEREAS, Louis was tragically killed at the age of 15 while on his way to a Teens Against Gang Violence meeting, a loss that sparked the creation of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, which has, for more than three decades, served as a center of healing, teaching, and learning for families and communities impacted by homicide; *and*

WHEREAS, The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute continues to lead transformative work in the City of Boston, rooted in the Seven Principles of Peace: love, unity, faith, hope, courage, justice, and forgiveness, thus uplifting survivors and fostering community resilience; *and*

WHEREAS, The communities of Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury, often mischaracterized in the media, are home to extraordinary peace-building efforts led by survivors, residents, faith leaders, and local organizations, and are marked by strength, compassion, and transformative love; *and*

WHEREAS, The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute and survivors across the city have rejected the harmful framing of these neighborhoods as a "murder triangle" and instead affirm them as the "Peace Triangle," communities that embody the daily work of healing, justice, and nonviolence; *and*

WHEREAS, April 13, 2025 marks what would have been Louis D. Brown's 47th birthday and serves as a day to celebrate his legacy and the third annual Louis D. Brown Day of Civic Engagement, a day that encourages all residents to actively participate in building peace through civic and community action; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council does hereby declare the neighborhoods of Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury as Boston's Peace Triangle, in recognition of the enduring strength, love, and leadership of the residents who work every day to interrupt cycles of violence and nurture peace; ***AND BE IT FURTHER***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council recognizes April 13th, 2025 as the third annual Louis D. Brown Day of Civic Engagement, honoring Louis's legacy and the transformative work of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute in our communities.