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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2023 AS IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, The celebration of Immigrant Heritage Month started in 2014, to give people across the United States an opportunity to explore their own heritage and celebrate the shared diversity that forms the unique fabric of America; *and*

WHEREAS, The United States has a rich history of welcoming immigrants from around the world, who have contributed immeasurably and played a pivotal role in shaping us into a diverse and inclusive society; *and*

WHEREAS, It is important to recognize and celebrate the profound impact of immigrants on our nation's history, heritage, and ongoing development and the month of June provides an opportune time to acknowledge and honor immigrants across the United States and beyond; *and*

WHEREAS, The immigrant community in Boston is an active one, with many community organizations and businesses, and cultural centers throughout, and establishing a designated month would foster awareness, understanding, and appreciation for the immigrant experience among citizens, residents, and policymakers; *and*

WHEREAS, Individuals and families choose to make Boston home for a wealth of reasons. Migrants may be joining family already settled here; they may be fleeing violence, repression or natural disaster in their country of origin, or lack of economic opportunities for themselves and their families; *and*

WHEREAS, Our immigrant communities in Boston play an integral role in building a vibrant and diverse Boston, contributing economically, culturally, politically, and socially to the city; *and*

WHEREAS, This day is an opportunity to celebrate the rich culture, distinctive art, food, traditions, and encourage educational institutions, community organizations, and individuals to organize events and initiatives that celebrate and promote the contributions of our immigrants communities; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the City of Boston recognize and celebrate the history, culture, and contributions of immigrants on Immigrant Heritage Month.