

# Official Resolution

presented by

**Boston City Councilor At-Large  
Henry Santana**

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council  
Extends its Congratulations and Recognition to

**Toy Burton**

In recognition of:

**The legacy you live every day, a legacy built on courage, compassion, and unwavering purpose. As the Founder and Executive Director of DeeDee's Cry, you've created a movement where none existed before: the first and only BIPOC-focused suicide prevention organization in Massachusetts. As a suicide attempt and loss survivor, a Roxburian, and a woman 26 years clean and sober, you lead with lived experience and deep empathy. You've transformed personal pain into collective healing, building programs like the L.O.S.S. Team and the Mental Health While Black Summit, and advocating for groundbreaking maternal mental health legislation. You've never waited for change, you've created it. Whether through support groups, outreach, or the Roxbury Unity Parade, your vision continues to unite, empower, and uplift. Your work breaks silence and stigma, and your voice gives others the courage to speak. With deep admiration and gratitude, thank you, Toy. You are a light in this world, and your legacy is saving lives.**

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.