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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS YOUTH AND  
YOUNG ADULT HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH.

- WHEREAS,** An estimated 1 in 10 young people (ages 18-25) experience some form of homelessness every year; **and**
- WHEREAS,** With every day that passes, the likelihood of future homelessness for these young adults increases by 2%; **and**
- WHEREAS,** Based on the 2018 Massachusetts Youth Count, 74% of these young adults identify as BIPOC and 35% as LGBTQ+; **and**
- WHEREAS,** A 2019 study found that homeless youth are 87% more likely to drop out of school than their non-homeless peers; **and**
- WHEREAS,** 29% of unaccompanied homeless youth between 13 and 25 years of age have spent time in foster care, compared to approximately 6% of all children; **and**
- WHEREAS,** Whereas awareness of child and youth homelessness must be heightened to encourage more significant support for effective programs to help children and youth overcome homelessness; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council recognizes and supports the efforts of businesses, organizations, educators, and volunteers dedicated to meeting the needs of homeless children and youth, such as, but not limited to, Breaktime, BAGLY, Boston CASA, the Boston Public Schools Homeless Education Resource Network, and Re-Engagement Center, Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Home for Little Wanderers, More Than Words, Roca, and Y2Y applauds the initiatives of businesses, organizations, educators, and volunteers that use time and resources to raise awareness of child and youth homelessness, the causes of such homelessness, and potential solutions; and work to prevent homelessness among children and youth; recognizes November 2022 as “*Youth and Young Adult Homelessness Awareness Month*”; and encourages those businesses, organizations, educators, and volunteers to continue to intensify their efforts to address homelessness among children and youth during November 2022.

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