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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF EARTH DAY

WHEREAS, Earth Day, celebrated every year on April 22nd, is a global call to action for environmental protection, awareness, and sustainability. It reminds communities of their shared responsibility to care for the planet and to address the growing threats posed by pollution, climate change, and habitat loss. Beyond symbolic gestures, Earth Day inspires policies and grassroots movements that advocate for systemic environmental change; *and,*

WHEREAS, In Boston, Earth Day has a special resonance as the city grapples with the impacts of climate change, particularly along its vulnerable coastline. Coastal resiliency—the ability of the city's waterfront areas to withstand and recover from sea-level rise, storm surges, and flooding—is a top priority. Projects like Climate Ready Boston aim to strengthen Boston's infrastructure, protect communities, and preserve natural resources through sustainable design and nature-based solutions; *and,*

WHEREAS, At the heart of these efforts is environmental justice—the principle that all communities, especially historically marginalized and low-income neighborhoods, deserve equal protection from environmental hazards and access to a healthy environment; *and,*

WHEREAS, Boston's communities of color, including neighborhoods like East Boston, are often the most affected by poor air quality, flooding, and limited green space. Addressing environmental justice means engaging these communities in decision-making, ensuring equitable access to climate solutions, and investing in infrastructure that benefits everyone; *and,*

WHEREAS, The Celebration of Earth Day reflects Boston's broader commitment to sustainability, equity, and climate action—building a more just and livable city for all; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Boston City Council celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd, 2025, and that this resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council, and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk to be made part of the permanent record of the City of Boston.

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