



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 18TH AS ARMED FORCES DAY

WHEREAS: This year, May 18th marks Armed Forces Day; *and*

WHEREAS: Every year, Armed Forces Day falls on the third Saturday of May. It is a day where we pay tribute to our military personnel serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, and encourage public understanding role of the military in civilian life; *and*

WHEREAS: The United States Armed Forces has six branches - the Army, Airforce, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Space Force; *and*

WHEREAS: According to the most recent annual demographics report from the Department of Defense (DoD), there are about 2 million active-duty and selected reserve service members in the United States; *and*

WHEREAS: Armed Forces Day began in 1949 when the U.S. Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson wanted to unify the six U.S. military branches under one central agency. Before this, each military branch had its own day of celebration; *and*

WHEREAS: In May 1950, President Truman made it a holiday and celebrated the first Armed Forces Day; *and*

WHEREAS: Today, a key part of Armed Forces Day is highlighting our military branches' roles in national defense and security; *and*

WHEREAS: As we observe Armed Forces Day, we recognize the dedication, professionalism and sacrifices of our military personnel, our veterans, and our military families. We thank our armed forces for their service and commitment to protecting our national security and interests; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the Boston City Council proclaims May 18th, 2024 as Armed Forces Day, honors our U.S. military servicemen, veterans and military families, and recognizes the critical contributions and sacrifices they make to safeguard our country.

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