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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Over the past two centuries, Irish immigrants and their descendants have played a vital role in the growth and development of the City of Boston; and

WHEREAS, The Irish American community has enriched Boston's cultural, social, and economic fabric, making enduring contributions that have helped shape the city into what it is today; and

WHEREAS, During the Great Famine (An Gorta Mór) of the 1840s, Irish immigrants arrived in Boston seeking refuge from extreme hardship, only to face prejudice, poverty, and discrimination, yet they persevered and worked in the construction of the city's infrastructure, in labor intensive industries, and in public service roles, laying the foundation for Boston's emergence as a major American city; and

WHEREAS, As the Irish American population in Boston grew, so too did its influence across key sectors of civic life. Irish Americans have been central to the development of the city's public safety workforce, making significant contributions to the Boston Police and Fire Departments. They have also played a pivotal role in Boston's political history, with many Irish American leaders serving in local government and public office; and

WHEREAS, Boston's Irish American community has long been a cornerstone of the city's labor movement, advocating for the rights, dignity, and protections of workers and marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, Today, Irish Americans continue to be a driving force in Boston's cultural life, contributing to its arts, music, and literary traditions, as well as to its universities, businesses, and community organizations, carrying forward a legacy of civic engagement rooted in resilience, solidarity, and community pride; and

WHEREAS, As we celebrate Irish American Heritage Month, we honor not only the national contributions of Irish Americans, but also the profound and lasting impact they have had on Boston's identity, helping to foster the spirit of perseverance, inclusion, and cultural richness that defines our city;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, That the Boston City Council hereby proclaims the month of March as Irish American Heritage Month in the City of Boston, in recognition of the remarkable contributions of Irish Americans to the city's history and continued progress; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That in recognition of Irish American Heritage Month, the Boston City Council directs the Property Management Department to raise the Irish flag on March 4, 2026, in honor of the rich heritage and enduring legacy of the Irish American community in Boston.

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