

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 30 AS BARBADOS INDEPENDENCE DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, November 30 marks the anniversary of Barbados' independence, and the Council seeks to adopt this resolution in advance to ensure timely recognition of the occasion; *and*

WHEREAS, This year marks 59 years since November 30, 1966, when Barbados achieved independence from British colonial rule, a defining milestone that paved the way for its development as a sovereign nation; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston is home to a significant Barbadian community that contributes meaningfully to the cultural, social, and economic life of our city; *and*

WHEREAS, Notable members of the Barbadian-heritage community in Boston include Prince Hall (born in Bridgetown, Barbados), who helped found Boston's historic African Lodge and carried forward the struggle for Black equality; and Joseph L. Walcott, a Barbadian immigrant who created Wally's Café in Boston's South End, one of the city's oldest jazz institutions; and Mel King, whose parents were from Guyana and Barbados and who became a celebrated community and civil-rights leader in Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, The Barbadian community in Boston continues to excel across sectors such as small business, public service, healthcare, education, arts and culture, entrepreneurship, and community leadership; *and*

WHEREAS, Celebrating Barbados Independence Day in Boston provides an opportunity to honor the enduring legacy, achievements, and cultural heritage of the Barbadian community and diaspora; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Boston City Council does hereby declare November 30 as Barbados Independence Day in the City of Boston, encouraging all residents to join in celebrating Barbados' independence, the contributions of Barbadians to our city, and the vibrant cultural diversity that makes Boston a thriving, inclusive community

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