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## CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

### **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL AND THE RAISING OF THE SENEGAL FLAG AT BOSTON CITY HALL**

**WHEREAS,** The Republic of Senegal, known as the Land of “Teranga” (hospitality), achieved independence from France on April 4, 1960, marking a historic moment of sovereignty, national pride, and self-determination for the Senegalese people; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Senegal has played a significant role in West African and global leadership, diplomacy, culture, and economic development, and continues to be a leader in democratic governance and cultural influence across the African continent; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Senegal possesses a rich cultural heritage expressed through music, art, literature, cuisine, entrepreneurship, and community leadership that has influenced cultures across the world and throughout the African diaspora; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The Senegalese community in Boston and across Massachusetts has contributed significantly to the cultural, economic, and social fabric of the City through small businesses, transportation, trade, education, civic engagement, and community leadership; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The City of Boston is home to a vibrant West African community and continues to strengthen cultural, economic, and diplomatic ties with nations across Africa, including the Republic of Senegal; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The national motto of the Republic of Senegal, Un Peuple, Un But, Une Foi (French), Benn Nit, Benn Jublu, Benn Ngëm (Wolof), One People, One Goal, One Faith (English), reflects the nation’s commitment to unity, shared purpose, and collective progress; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The raising of the Senegalese flag at Boston City Hall Plaza provides an opportunity for the City of Boston to recognize the contributions of the Senegalese community and celebrate Senegal’s independence, culture, and heritage; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

**ORDERED:** That in honor and celebration of the Independence of the Republic of Senegal, the Boston City Council orders the Property Management Department to raise the flag of Senegal on City Hall Plaza on Friday, April 3, 2026, in recognition of the day of Senegal Independence on April 4, 1960, and to celebrate the contributions of the Senegalese community to the City of Boston.