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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION TO NAME MARCH 27TH AS CABO VERDEAN WOMEN'S DAY OR KRIOLA'S INTERNATIONAL DAY

**WHEREAS,** Women's Organization of Cape Verde (OMCV) was founded in 1981 and in 1983 they proposed the day of March 27th to be Kriola's International Day or International Cabo Verdean Women's Day; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The Women's Organization of Cape Verde (OMCV) is committed to advocating for women's rights and advancing gender equality. It holds the distinction of being the inaugural feminist association established in the nation and was established by prominent figures like Josefina Chantre and Paula Fortes.; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The OMCV had a significant impact on the integration of women's rights into legislative agendas, notably contributing to the passage of laws such as the Family Code and the Abortion Decriminalization Law during the 1980s. Additionally, the organization played a crucial role in implementing social development initiatives, including programs for maternal and child protection, family planning efforts, and the creation of a network of kindergartens throughout the archipelago; *and*

**WHEREAS,** March 27th was proposed by the OMCV in 1983 to be recognized as Kriola's International Day or International Cabo Verdean Women's Day, in honor of the official founding date of the OMCV and its significant contributions to advancing women's rights and gender equality in Cape Verde; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Cabo Verdean Women Day is celebrated annually on March 27th to recognize the contributions and achievements of Cape Verdean women around the world; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Although there are 597,000 Cape Verdeans living in Cabo Verde, there are over 700,000 Cabo Verdeans living abroad with around 260,000 living in the United States; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Massachusetts is home to the largest population of Cabo Verdeans with a citizenship of 70,000 across the state and over 13,000 in Boston; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The Cabo Verdean community has a unique history consisting of the courage of a people and the role their nation was forced to play in the Transatlantic Slave Trade; *and*

**WHEREAS,** In search of promising opportunities, Cabo Verdeans sailed to the United States in whaling boats in the late 1700s, influencing a multigenerational movement to preserve the heritage while adapting and contributing to new environments; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Cabo Verdean women have played a vital role in the development and progress of our city, bringing with them their rich cultural heritage, resilience, and commitment to community; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Cabo Verdean women in our city have made significant contributions to our economy, culture, and society, often working in roles that are painstakingly laborious, undervalued, and undercompensated; *and*

**WHEREAS,** It is important that the City of Boston recognize and celebrate the achievements of Cabo Verdean women and support their continued progress and empowerment through economic mobility and increased access to opportunities; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The City Council is committed to promoting gender equity, recognizing the contributions of all women, creating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity and values all its residents, and streamlines paths for success for all residents including Cabo Verdean women to ensure the growth of each Bostonian;  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** Let it be known on record that the Boston City Council declares March 27th as Cabo Verdean Women's Day, a day of profound celebration and acknowledgment of the immense contributions and triumphs of Cabo Verdean women in our beloved city and across the globe. We urge every resident to embrace and honor the vibrant cultural legacy of Cabo Verdean Bostonians, and join us in fervently striving towards forging a community that champions the advancement and empowerment of Cabo Verdean women in every aspect of their lives. Together, let us pledge to build a future where all Cabo Verdean women are cherished, supported, and uplifted to reach their fullest potential.

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