

Offered by City Councilor Julia Mejia



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 7, 2022 AS JOHN MARTIN DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

**WHEREAS,** John Martin was a mainstay of NESNs telecasts and a constant presence at Fenway Park and TD Garden. He was part of the fabric of Boston sports for two decades and covered the Celtics and Patriots and numerous other events that defined our region; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Having passed away in 2018 at age 51 after a lengthy battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), John is remembered for his friendship, his love for his job, his commitment to his community, and advocacy in searching for the cure to the illness which took his life; *and*

**WHEREAS,** During his career, his peers recognized his craft by awarding him five Emmy Awards in addition to the 2018 Silver Circle Award for his significant contributions to television. He has written two books—one that evoked the love of his job, “Waiting for Greatness: Memories and Musings of a Sports Television Cameraman” and “Every Ten Minutes” that chronicled the cruel realities of his fight with ALS; *and*

**WHEREAS,** In addition to his extensive tv and print media career, John was also a little league coach to the South End Little League for nearly 30 years, having been known as “Coach John” in his community; *and*

**WHEREAS,** John’s legacy is still felt to this day, with Cafe Martin, which first started as a backyard gathering for friends and family to visit John, blossoming into a real place of business with huge community support; *and*

**WHEREAS,** In June of 2018, John wrote in the Globe “Regardless of how my day may have been going, there was always a [Boston sports media] brother or sister to bring a smile or change the mood. It was as an honor to be on both sides of that exchange”; *and*

**WHEREAS,** John’s impact on the community will be felt for decades, and the Boston City Council is honored to celebrate his life and work; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

**RESOLVED,**

That the Boston City Council recognizes February 7, 2022 as John Martin Day in the City of Boston.

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