

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILORS ED FLYNN & ERIN MURPHY

- WHEREAS:** Gerard “Jerry” Wheeler was born in 1939, and grew up in South Boston’s Old Colony Housing Development. He graduated from South Boston High School, and later received a BS in Education from College of the Holy Cross; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Jerry then attended the the US Naval War College in Newport, RI, and went on to earn a MS in International Affairs from George Washington University and a MS in Management from Troy State University; *and*
- WHEREAS:** He has served our nation in the U.S. Navy for over 22 years on Active Duty, and another 22 years as Senior Instructor at the Navy Junior ROTC unit. During Active Duty, Commander Wheeler served in various roles, including Maintenance Officer in Norfolk VA with a deployment to Guantanamo Bay in Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and Liaison Officer to Japanese Maritime Self Defense Forces Forces in Yokosuka, Japan; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Commander Wheeler’s other roles include Operations Officer in Cecil Field, FL, Commanding Officer of Flag Administrative Unit assigned to Commander Pacific Fleet in Coronado, CA, and Air Operations Officer at the US Naval Air Station in Rota, Spain ; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Commander Wheeler’s accomplishments include 150+ aircraft carrier arrested landings, 200+ combat missions in Vietnam, 40+ military decorations including Meritorious Service Medal, 16 Air Medals (Vietnam) Combat Action Medal, 5 Navy Commendation Awards, 3 Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation Awards; *and now therefore be it*
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council recognizes the bravery, sacrifice, and service of Commander Wheeler, and declares March 8, 2024 as “Jerry Wheeler Day” in honor of him being the Chief Marshal at the 2024 St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____