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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 17-23 AS NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL WEEK IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- **WHEREAS,** National Constitution Week is observed annually from September 17th through September 23rd to commemorate the signing of the United States Constitution on September 17, 1787, and to promote the understanding and appreciation of the Constitution; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the United States is a foundational document that establishes the framework of our government, guarantees fundamental rights & liberties, and embodies the principles of democracy & justice; *and*
- WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts holds a significant place in American history with its own Constitution, adopted on October 25, 1780, which is the oldest functioning written constitution in the world and has served as a model for other states, the United States, and other nations; and
- **WHEREAS,** Both the U.S. and Massachusetts Constitutions represent enduring symbols of the values of freedom, equality, and the rule of law, and their principles continue to guide and inspire generations of Americans; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** The City of Boston recognizes the importance of educating our residents about the history, contents, and significance of these crucial documents and their impact upon our society; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** Promoting civic engagement and understanding our central documents helps to ensure that the principles of freedom, justice, and democracy are ingrained and cherished in our community; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- **RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council hereby recognizes and observes National Constitution Week as a time to honor the United States Constitution and the Massachusetts Constitution; **AND BE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED**
- **RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council encourages all residents to read these documents, reflect upon the values and principles enshrined therein, to participate in educational activities related to constitutional history & citizenship, and to help embrace the responsibilities that they entail.

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