

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE & JULIA MEJIA



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

**WHEREAS,** The City of Boston now celebrates Indigenous Peoples' Day on the second Monday in October pursuant to the October 6, 2021, Executive Order of Acting Mayor Kim Janey; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have lived upon and been caretakers of these lands since time immemorial, and the City of Boston is situated on the traditional territory of the Massachusett at Ponkapoag Tribe; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The cultures and histories of the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas are rich, diverse, and worthy of celebration, and the actions and policies of European Americas, including those in Boston, actively destroyed and suppressed parts of those cultures; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Boston is home to at least 11,000 Indigenous people from the US and Canada, including members of the Massachusett, Wampanoag, Nipmuc, and other nations, as well as members of tribes throughout the US and Canada, with thousands more residents being Indigenous people from Latin America; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The City wishes to honor its Indigenous roots, history, and contributions; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Council encourages the people of Boston to observe Indigenous Peoples Day by reflecting upon the dispossession of the homelands and villages of the Massachusett people of this region who lived here for millennia before the arrival of European settlers and whose members are a continuing presence that are the caretakers of the land, to reflect upon the history of the other Indigenous Peoples who have lived in Boston, and to celebrate the survival of Indigenous Peoples against all odds, as well as to celebrate the thriving cultures and values that Indigenous Peoples have brought and continue to bring to our City and the wider community.