

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE, BREADON, COLETTA ZAPATA,
CULPEPPER, FITZGERALD, FLYNN, MEJIA, PEPÉN, SANTANA, WEBER, AND WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX
RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE
INDEPENDENCE OF
GHANA ON MARCH 6, 1957

- WHEREAS,** On March 6, 1957, under the leadership of Kwame Nkrumah, Ghana became the first sub-Saharan African country to achieve independence from European colonial rule with the passage of the Ghana Independence Act of 1957; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Ghana's independence marked a historic turning point and inspired Black liberation movements throughout Africa and the African diaspora, influencing leaders such as Patrice Lumumba, Amílcar Cabral, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and W.E.B. Du Bois, who later resided in Ghana; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Ghana's rich history predates colonization, including powerful and influential states such as the Kingdom of Dagbon and the Ashanti Empire, whose resistance to colonial domination reflected a longstanding commitment to sovereignty and self-determination; *and*
- WHEREAS,** After enduring Portuguese, Dutch, and British control in the region formerly known as the Gold Coast, the Ghanaian people waged a determined struggle for freedom culminating in independence in 1957; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Ghana's post-colonial leadership advanced Pan-African unity and African liberation throughout the continent and is a leading nation in West Africa and on the continent; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Ghana has continued to contribute profoundly to global leadership, culture, and diplomacy through distinguished individuals such as Kofi Annan, Nobel Peace Prize laureate and former Secretary-General of the United Nations; Hilla Limann, President of Ghana's Third Republic; and Ama Ata Aidoo, acclaimed author and advocate for African literature and gender equity; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Ghana has maintained one of the most stable and freest governments in modern Africa and consistently performs well in metrics related to health care, economic growth, and human development; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston recognizes and honors the resilience, achievements, and enduring sovereignty of the Republic of Ghana, the Ghanaian diaspora in Boston, and the lasting global impact of its independence; and the City of Boston eagerly awaits the arrival of the Ghanaian national soccer team, the Black Stars, to Boston for the FIFA World Cup; *and*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

- ORDERED:** That in honor and celebration of the Independence of Ghana, on March 6, 2026 the City Council orders the Property Management Department to raise the flag of Ghana on the third flagpole on City Hall Plaza in place of the City of Boston flag.

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