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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AUGUST 17 AS GARVEY DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Marcus Mosiah Garvey, born on August 17, 1887, in St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica, was a visionary leader, orator, and staunch advocate for the empowerment and unity of African people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Garvey founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA) in 1914, which became the largest Black-led organization in history, with millions of members globally, promoting economic self-reliance, social justice, and the establishment of a Black nation; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Garvey visited Boston multiple times in the early 1920s, delivering powerful speeches that inspired thousands and solidified the city's role as a hub of the African diaspora's fight for civil rights, racial pride, and economic empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Garvey's influence reached far beyond his lifetime, laying the groundwork for future civil rights movements and leaders, including Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr., who drew inspiration from Garvey's ideas of self-determination and Black empowerment; and

WHEREAS, August 17th, Garvey's birthday, has been celebrated globally as a day to honor his legacy and to reaffirm the principles of racial unity, economic independence, and cultural pride that he championed; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing Garvey Day in Boston would serve as an important reminder of the city's historical connection to the global struggle for Black liberation and as a tribute to Garvey's enduring impact on the quest for social justice; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby recognizes August 17th as Garvey Day in the City of Boston, urging all residents to reflect on the life and legacy of Marcus Garvey, and to continue his work of fostering unity, justice, and empowerment for all.

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