

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AUGUST 6 AS JAMAICA INDEPENDENCE DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

**WHEREAS,** August 6 marks 64 years since August 6, 1962, whereupon Jamaica achieved independence from British colonial rule, marking a significant milestone in the nation's history and paving the way for its development as a sovereign nation; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Boston is home to about 34 percent of Massachusetts' total population of foreign-born Jamaicans, the largest share in the state; *and*

**WHEREAS,** With more than 85 percent of foreign-born Jamaicans aged 25-64 and 73 percent of those aged 16-24, Boston's Jamaican community constitutes a significant portion of the city's labor force, according to the Planning Department; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The Jamaican community in Boston boasts numerous thriving small businesses, including Jamaica Mi Hungry, Flames, and Only One Jamaican Restaurant offering authentic and beloved culinary experiences; *and*

**WHEREAS,** In the wake of the devastation last year from Hurricane Melissa, the Boston Jamaican community showed its strength and commitment to the island with numerous fundraisers, including the Comedy for Jamaica event featuring *Saturday Night Live's* Kam Patterson; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The recovery from Hurricane Melissa continues with fundraisers, including a screening of the award-winning Jamaican film *Threads Of Us* at the Dedham Community Theater on Aug. 6, which will benefit hurricane recovery efforts; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Notable Jamaican figures in Boston, such as musician Danny Tucker, have made significant contributions to various fields including the arts, education, healthcare, entrepreneurship, academia, public service, and community leadership, enhancing the city's reputation as a hub of talent and innovation and adding to the social, cultural, and economic fabric of Boston; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Celebrating Jamaica Independence Day in Boston provides an opportunity to honor and recognize the enduring legacy, achievements, and cultural heritage of the Jamaican community and the Jamaican diaspora in Boston; **NOW,  
THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council does hereby declare August 6 as Jamaica

Independence Day in the City of Boston, encouraging all residents to join in the celebration of Jamaica's independence, the contributions of Jamaicans to our city, and the vibrant cultural diversity that makes Boston a thriving city.

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