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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON A PROPOSAL FOR A CRISPUS ATTUCKS STATUE

- WHEREAS,** Crispus Attucks, a Black man of African and Native American descent, was the first casualty of the American Revolution, killed during the Boston Massacre on March 5, 1770; and
- WHEREAS,** Attucks' bravery and sacrifice symbolize the fight for freedom and equity, serving as an inspiration to generations of Bostonians and Americans alike; and
- WHEREAS,** Crispus Attucks played a pivotal role in the events leading up to the American Revolution, demonstrating the courage and resilience of marginalized communities in the face of oppression and injustice; and
- WHEREAS,** Other cities across the United States, including Boston's revolutionary siblings New York City and Philadelphia, have already built statues in honor of Crispus Attucks, recognizing his pivotal role in American history; and
- WHEREAS,** The Downtown area of Boston, as a hub of significance in the American Revolution, stands as a fitting location to commemorate Crispus Attucks; and
- WHEREAS,** The Friends of Crispus Attucks and the Office of Arts and Culture have begun collaboration on site and process for the statue; and
- WHEREAS,** A site and temporary art should be created ahead of the country's 250th Independence Day with the goal of unveiling a finished statue before the city's quadricentennial in 2030; and
- WHEREAS,** The creation of a statue for Crispus Attucks in the City of Boston would serve as a symbol of our commitment to honoring diverse voices and recognizing the contributions of marginalized communities to our shared history; **AND NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**
- ORDERED,** That the Boston City Council hold a hearing on the process and obstacles facing the creation of a statue in honor of Crispus Attucks within the City of Boston, celebrating his legacy and contributions to the fight for liberty and justice for all.

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