

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 1 AS DR. JEAN MCGUIRE DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, The first Black woman to be elected to the Boston School Committee, and a founder of the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) in 1966, Dr. Jean McGuire carries a long legacy as a Boston civil rights and education leader; *and*

WHEREAS, A former Boston Public Schools teacher, and an advocate for improved outcomes and educational equity for students and teachers of color since the 1960s, Dr. McGuire and her deep understanding of the challenges impacting education access were integral to the fight for desegregation and, through her role as the Executive Director of METCO beginning in 1973, she helped numerous youth obtain quality opportunities and became a leading voice in the fight for better education for youth of color in Boston and across the country; *and*

WHEREAS, Dr. McGuire continues to influence educational and civil rights work to this day through such efforts as the ongoing work of METCO, the founding of the Jean McGuire Educational and Health Fund in 2022, Dr. McGuire's continued work as a member of multiple Boards and Committees, and other initiatives to improve educational outcomes and equity for all students; *and*

WHEREAS, Dr. McGuire's impact endures during a time when education equity remains a serious challenge for the City to address; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council recognize May 1, 2026, as Dr. Jean McGuire Day in the City of Boston, honors the contributions and enduring legacy of Dr. McGuire to the City, and continues building off of her work to address and rectify education inequities and create inclusive educational spaces and opportunities for all Bostonians.

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