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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 27TH OF FEBRUARY AS DOMINICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

WHEREAS, Every February 27th, the Dominican Republic and Dominicans around the world celebrate the independence of the Dominican Republic as a sovereign nation in 1844; *and*

WHEREAS, Dominican Independence Day celebrates the heroism and works of those who fought for Dominican independence, including and especially founding fathers Juan Pablo Duarte, Francisco del Rosario Sánchez, and Matias Ramón Mella; *and*

WHEREAS, Dominicans, who make up around 6% of Boston's population, contribute greatly to the City's cultural fabric, enriching the neighborhoods they live in, developing the local economy with over 500 businesses and hundreds of millions of dollars in spending, and serving in various positions of public service; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is committed to honoring the heritage of communities who make Boston their home, especially our immigrant neighbors who have worked hard to make a new country their home; *and*

WHEREAS, The observance of Dominican Independence Day allows for a celebration of Dominican culture, touching on this community's expressions of dance, cuisine, music, and tradition; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in celebration of Dominican Independence, declares February 27 as Dominican Independence Day in the City of Boston.

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