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## CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

### RESOLUTION DECLARING FEBRUARY 17 AS JESSE JACKSON DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

**WHEREAS,** Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., whose steadfast leadership helped shape the modern Civil Rights Movement and advance the cause of justice, equity, and opportunity for generations of Americans through decades of advocacy for civil rights, political empowerment, and social justice; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Mentored by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Reverend Jackson played a key role in advancing the principles of nonviolent social change and continued that work as founder of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, championing economic empowerment, voting rights, and educational access at critical moments in the nation's history; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Through his national leadership, Reverend Jackson supported school integration efforts across the United States, including during Boston's school desegregation crisis in the 1970s following the federal ruling in *Morgan v. Hennigan*, one of the most significant Northern civil rights struggles for educational equity; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Reverend Jackson utilized his national platform to advocate for policies addressing racial and economic disparities that directly impacted Boston's communities of color, helping to elevate local struggles for educational opportunity and civil rights; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The Rainbow/PUSH Coalition later established an organizational presence in Boston, reflecting Reverend Jackson's commitment to grassroots organizing, voter mobilization, corporate accountability, and workforce equity in cities confronting systemic inequality; *and*

**WHEREAS,** His advocacy extended to the City of Boston, where his moral leadership helped inspire ongoing efforts toward racial equity, fair housing, and inclusive economic development, leaving a lasting legacy that continues to guide Boston's pursuit of civil rights and social progress; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council hereby declares February 17 as Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. Day in the City of Boston.

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