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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 7 AS
BRAZIL'S INDEPENDENCE AND REQUESTING A FLAG
RAISING TO CELEBRATE ITS PERSEVERANCE ON ITS
MISSION TO REACH LIBERATION

- WHEREAS,** On September 7th, 1822, on the shores of the Ipiranga River, Prince Pedro of Brazil formally declared Brazil's independence from Portugal, ending 322 years of Portuguese colonial rule; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Brazil ushered in independence after the Portuguese Liberal Revolution of 1820, with Prince Pedro refusing the Portuguese Cortes orders to return to Lisbon, famously stating "Tell the people I'm staying," a remark which has been memorialized in Dia do fico (Portuguese for "I Stay Day"); *and*
- WHEREAS,** Often referred to as Sete de Setembro, Brazil's Independence Day is a testament to the resilience, courage, and determination of its people, who fought tirelessly against colonial oppression and injustice, demonstrating unwavering commitment to the ideals of liberty and equality; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Brazil's Independence Day is recognized and celebrated across the world, with festivities taking place in New York City, Los Angeles, Toronto, London, and of course Brasilia, where attendees can listen to speeches from Brazil's political leaders, celebrate the nation's veterans, and listen to the national marching band; *and*
- WHEREAS,** This important day offers an opportunity to not only reflect on the people of Brazil's historic and brave fight for liberty, but to also celebrate the diverse cultural heritage, vibrant traditions, and rich cultural tapestry which reflects the unique blend of indigenous, African, European, and immigrant influences; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston has the second largest population of Brazilian diaspora in the United States, with members playing important roles in Boston's arts, academic, entrepreneurial, nonprofit, and public service communities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Brazil's Independence Day symbolizes the culmination of a transformative journey towards freedom and self-governance, marking a pivotal moment in the nation's history that continues to inspire pride and patriotism among its citizens; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council recognizes the profound significance of Brazil's Independence Day and joins with Brazilians and friends of Brazil worldwide in celebrating the country's achievements, honoring its rich history, and reaffirming our commitment to solidarity, friendship, and cooperation with the people of Brazil; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby recognizes September 7, 2024 as Brazilian Independence day, affirming our shared commitment to freedom, democracy, and prosperity, and pledging to work together towards a brighter future for all; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED: That on this day, and in recognition of Brazil's Independence Day, the Boston City Council orders the Property Management Department to raise the flag of Brazil on the third flagpole on City Hall plaza in place of the City of Boston Flag.

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