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**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND
TWENTY-SIX**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 19, 2026, AS “NAPOLEON
JONES-HENDERSON DAY” IN THE CITY OF BOSTON**

- WHEREAS,** Napoleon Jones-Henderson was a celebrated artist, educator, mentor, and cultural advocate whose work profoundly shaped the artistic and cultural landscape of Boston and beyond *and*
- WHEREAS,** After making Roxbury his home in 1974, Jones-Henderson dedicated more than five decades to uplifting Black artistic expression, mentoring generations of artists, and strengthening the cultural fabric of the City of Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Jones-Henderson was one of the longest continuously active members of the groundbreaking AfriCOBRA movement, a collective of Black artists whose work advanced themes of empowerment, self-determination, and cultural pride; *and*
- WHEREAS,** His artistic excellence and commitment to community engagement earned him numerous honors, including the National Conference of Artists’ Award of Excellence, an Official Massachusetts State Senate Citation for Cultural Excellence, and Roxbury Community College’s 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award; *and*
- WHEREAS,** His legacy lives on through his public artwork, including *Nyame Birbi Wo Soro* and *Vibratory Spirits and Hoodoo Rhythms | The Seer*, as well as through the countless students, artists, and community members he mentored throughout his life; **THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the Boston City Council recognizes the extraordinary life, contributions, and legacy of Napoleon Jones-Henderson and declares June 19 of 2026 to be observed as Napoleon Jones-Henderson Day in the City of Boston.

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