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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF PAUL REVERE'S MIDNIGHT RIDE

- WHEREAS,** Paul Revere's midnight ride on April 18, 1775, holds lasting significance for Charlestown, the North End, Boston, and the United States as a whole, serving as both a local and national symbol of the fight for independence; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** Revere's mission was urgent and dangerous: to warn colonial leaders in Lexington and Concord that British troops were advancing to seize weapons and arrest revolutionaries. He rode from Boston's North End, crossed the Charles River to Charlestown, and then continued on horseback to alert patriot militias. His actions helped mobilize the Minutemen, leading directly to the Battles of Lexington and Concord—the first armed conflicts of the American Revolutionary War; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** Revere had arranged for lanterns to be displayed in the steeple of Old North Church to signal the method of the British troop movement: one lantern if by land, two if by sea; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** As Revere's home neighborhood, the North End was a hub of revolutionary activity. His departure from the North End symbolizes the bravery of ordinary citizens who rose to extraordinary challenges. Today, it's a place of historical remembrance and education, home to the Paul Revere House and close to Old North Church, where lanterns signaled his route; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** Revere's landing in Charlestown marked the beginning of his horseback ride inland. This crossing—under the cover of darkness—was critical in bypassing British patrols. Charlestown played a pivotal role not only during the ride but also weeks later during the Battle of Bunker Hill; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** As the epicenter of colonial resistance, Boston was a city on edge in 1775. Revere's ride amplified tensions and rallied support for revolution. His actions are deeply interwoven with Boston's identity as the "*Cradle of Liberty*"; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** Nationally, Revere's ride represents a defining moment of American courage, communication, and commitment to liberty. Immortalized by Henry Wadsworth

Longfellow's poem, the story became a powerful symbol of patriotism, inspiring future generations to value freedom and vigilance; *and*,

***WHEREAS***, On April 18, 2025, Boston will commemorate the 250th anniversary of Paul Revere's Midnight Ride, a pivotal event that ignited the American Revolution. The celebrations are scheduled for Friday, April 18, 2025, with additional activities throughout the weekend; *and*,

***WHEREAS***, Paul Revere's ride is more than a historical footnote—it's a cornerstone of Boston's story, linking local acts of bravery to the broader struggle that led to the founding of the United States. Both then and now, people have used the ideals of liberty, equality, and self-governance to challenge systems they see as unjust, showing how the spirit of the Revolution still shapes resistance in America today;  
***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

***RESOLVED***, That the Boston City Council commemorates the 250th anniversary of Paul Revere's Midnight ride through the North End, Charlestown, and across the Commonwealth and that this resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council. A copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk to be made part of the permanent record of the City of Boston.

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