

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

Resolution of Boston City Councilor Brian Worrell

- WHEREAS:** Willie O'Ree made sports history when he became the first Black player to play in the National Hockey League (NHL) on January 18, 1958 while playing for the Boston Bruins against the Montreal Canadiens; *and*
- WHEREAS:** O'Ree is a decorated athlete, being inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame, Canada's Sports Hall of Fame, and being honored with a Congressional Gold Medal; *and*
- WHEREAS:** O'Ree has been recognized for his dedication to the community and charitable causes, serving as the NHL's Diversity Ambassador and having the annual Willie O'Ree Community Hero Award in his honor to "recognize the individual who has worked to make a positive impact on his community, culture or society to make people better through hockey"; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Willie O'Ree is an inspirational leader whose lifelong contribution to sports, society, and equity have had far reaching impacts on our City, Commonwealth, and Nation; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The Boston Bruins will retire Willie O'Ree's number 22 in a game on January 18, 2022 against the Carolina Hurricanes;

Be it Therefore Resolved:

That the Boston City Council, declares January 18th "Willie O'Ree Day" in the City of Boston.

And, that this resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston



By: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: Alley Giambrone
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Brian Worrell

Date: _____