

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 7 AS PORTRAITS OF PRIDE DAY

**WHEREAS,** The Portraits of Pride Exhibit is an annual celebration of LGBTQ+ history, people and culture in Boston, showcasing the stories and achievements of prominent queer leaders through the powerful medium of portraiture; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The Portraits of Pride Exhibit has significantly contributed to turning Boston into a vibrant and inclusive queer destination, attracting visitors from near and far to celebrate diversity and community; *and*

**WHEREAS,** This year's Portraits of Pride Exhibit features the portraits of influential LGBTQ+ leaders; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The Exhibit also honors the plaintiffs of the landmark Goodridge v. Department of Public Health case, including Ben & Edward, Ellen & Maureen, and Hillary & Julie Goodridge, whose courage and advocacy led to the establishment of marriage equality 20 years ago; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Portraits of Pride 2024 provides a platform for the voices and stories of the LGBTQ+ community to be seen, heard, and celebrated in the heart of Boston; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The Boston LGBTQ+ Museum of Art, History & Culture, is now established in the city and is proud to present this third annual installation at Sea Green Park, reflecting the resilience, beauty, and expansive identities within our community; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

**RESOLVED:** That the City of Boston hereby recognizes June 7th as Portraits of Pride Day, in honor of the Portraits of Pride Exhibit its contribution to celebrating and amplifying LGBTQ+ history and the Portraits of Pride Ball for its contribution to fostering queer culture in Boston; ***AND, BE IT FURTHER***

**RESOLVED:** That the City of Boston encourages all residents to join in celebrating Portraits of Pride Day on June 7th, 2024, and to participate in activities and events that support and uplift the LGBTQ+ community throughout the year.

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