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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING FEDERAL CUTS TO NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH FUNDING FOR BOSTON AND MASSACHUSETTS

- WHEREAS,** The National Institutes of Health (NIH) plays a crucial role in funding medical and public health research that saves and improves lives; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Massachusetts ranks as the top state per capita for NIH funding, bringing in approximately \$3.5 billion annually, supporting nearly 30,000 jobs, and fueling thousands of research projects that contribute to medical progress, economic growth, and global competitiveness; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston has been the top recipient of NIH funding among all U.S. cities for over two decades, with institutions such as Massachusetts General Hospital, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and Boston Children’s Hospital leading pioneering research efforts; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The proposed cuts to NIH funding, including the arbitrary cap on indirect cost reimbursements, would result in devastating consequences for Boston’s research institutions, leading to lab closures, job losses, stalled clinical trials, and delays in life-saving treatments; *and*
- WHEREAS,** These cuts threaten Boston’s economy, which is deeply tied to the “eds and meds” sector, as higher education and medical research collectively contribute billions of dollars annually and sustain tens of thousands of jobs in the region; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Massachusetts Attorney General Campbell successfully secured a temporary restraining order against the Trump administration’s attempt to defund NIH-supported research, recognizing the immediate harm that these cuts would cause to public health, research innovation, and economic stability; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Massachusetts congressional delegation, Mayor Michelle Wu, and leaders from cities across the nation have strongly opposed these funding cuts, emphasizing that they would undermine medical progress, weaken Boston’s global leadership in science, and jeopardize future healthcare advancements;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED,** That the Boston City Council strongly opposes the proposed NIH funding cuts and urges the federal government to fully restore and protect NIH funding to ensure the continuation of critical medical research and innovation.