

OFFERED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING TU HISPANIDAD FLAG DAY

WHEREAS, The Hispanic Heritage observation in the United States began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period from September 15 to October 15, which was enacted into law on August 17, 1988; *and*

WHEREAS, The “Tu Hispanidad” flag symbolizes the unity and cultural richness of Hispanic peoples, with its light blue background representing the skies that surround us, a globe in green and blue depicting the spread of Hispanic culture across continents, and golden arrows forming the letters “T” and “U” for Tribus Unidas (“United Tribes”), honoring the blending of civilizations and shared traditions; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council together with Tu Hispanidad celebrated its first Hispanic Heritage Month gathering in the Iannella Chamber in 1994, marking the beginning of a proud tradition of honoring Hispanic leaders, businesses, and organizations for their outstanding dedication and service to the Hispanic community, the City of Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and beyond; *and*

WHEREAS, Tu Hispanidad celebrates with pride the outstanding contributions made by Hispanic natives and immigrants, and all those with ancestral lineage to Spain, Mexico, Africa, the Caribbean, Central and South America, in every sector including education, healthcare, entrepreneurship, the arts, and public service; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston, through this celebration, embraces and shares the rich cultural heritage, folklore, and traditions of the Hispanic community with universal languages of education, respect, music, dance, and love, all of which strengthen our collective future; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That on October 15, 2025, the Boston City Council celebrates Tu Hispanidad Flag Day by honoring the unity, diversity, and strength of the Hispanic community in Boston, and recognizing outstanding Hispanic leaders from across the city, and hereby orders the Property Management Department to raise the flag of Tu Hispanidad on the third flagpole on City Hall Plaza in place of the City of Boston flag.