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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING FLAG DAY

WHEREAS: Flag Day is celebrated every year on June 14th in remembrance of the adoption of the flag of the United States in 1777, as it is a national symbol of patriotism and freedom. On this day it is important to express an appreciation for the values and the history that the flag embodies; *and*

WHEREAS: In 1775, the “Grand Union” flag, also known as the Continental Colors, was flown in the colonies. It resembled the U.S. Flag as it had thirteen red and white stripes, yet the upper lefthand corner displayed the English flag instead of thirteen stars. This was the first flag flown in the United States, celebrating the creation of the Continental Army and Navy, under George Washington’s command; *and*

WHEREAS: Adopted by Congress in 1923, the United States Flag Code sought to provide guidelines and instruction on the proper use and handling of the American flag. The code addresses how to maintain proper conduct while displaying the flag, during the pledge of allegiance, and during the national anthem, as well as providing other rules and regulations regarding its use; *and*

WHEREAS: The Flag resolution of 1777 was officially adopted and designated as National Flag Day on August 3rd, 1949 by an Act of Congress, which designated June 14th each year as National Flag Day; *and*

WHEREAS: In 1960, Hawaii joined the Union, adding a 50th star to the flag, which has been in use ever since; *and*

WHEREAS: Today, the American flag is a symbol of justice, freedom, and democracy here in our country and around the world. On Flag Day, we also honor all those who serve in our military, and recommit our support to our veterans, military families and Gold Star families. We also recognize the services of our women veterans and all of whom made sacrifices to protect and defend our nation; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the Boston City Council celebrates Flag Day and honors our military servicemen, veterans and their families who proudly serve our city and country.

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