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**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND ENCOURAGING THE USE
OF BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION'S
LEAD REPLACEMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS: Established in 1977, The Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) provides residents and businesses in the City of Boston with the best quality water and sewer services. It works together with the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) to ensure that Boston's water meets the Federal and State drinking water quality requirements, and it also monitors the quality of Boston's drinking water to make sure that it is safe to consume; *and*

WHEREAS: In addition, BWSC also provides educational materials regarding our water and environment, including storm water management, climate resiliency and lead in our water. Lead can enter our drinking water as a result of corrosion of lead pipes, as well as from the wearing away of materials containing lead in the water distribution system. Excessive lead in the environment and our water can pose increased health risks especially for young children and pregnant women; *and*

WHEREAS: The Lead Replacement Incentive Program is a program by the BWSC that encourages property owners to replace private water services. According to the BWSC, a private water service is the portion of the water service pipe running from the property line into the building, and the pipe may be made of lead; *and*

WHEREAS: The BWSC developed the Lead Replacement Incentive Program to remove and replace the lead pipe at no cost to the owner. The program serves Boston property owners, who are eligible to participate as long as the property is served by a two-inch or smaller water service lead pipe, that the water and sewer account of the property is active, and the property owner agrees to have the work done by the BWSC; *and*

WHEREAS: It is important that our residents are aware of the Lead Replacement Incentive Program so that they can take advantage of the BWSC's services to replace their lead pipes to protect their health; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Boston City Council recognizes the BWSC's Lead Replacement Incentive Program and encourages residents to utilize the BWSC's services to replace their private water service lead pipes.

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