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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SUN POEM AS A POWERFUL TOOL TO IGNITE CHANGE

- WHEREAS,** The fabric of our City is made up of diverse communities, cultures, and identities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** There is strength in racial and cultural diversity, which builds justice, equity, and community; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Reducing discrimination in social and professional settings throughout the City is a core priority in building a safer and more vibrant City; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In 1985, The Sun Poem was shared by activist Sara Ting across the City of Boston as part of a campaign to promote racial and ethnic harmony; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Sun Poem, which reads, “Are you greater than the sun that shines on everyone...Black, Brown, Yellow, Red, and White the sun does not discriminate”, speaks of the value in diversity and the importance of a shared sense of community; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Beginning in 1986, organizers have held Sun Poem Workshops as a space to use poetry, creative writing, and oral expression as a way of educating students in public and private schools to appreciate differences and understand the role diversity and equity play in our City; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The poem and the work of organizers across the City in public and private schools is a powerful reminder of the change that can come from working across intersectional identities towards a just community; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council hereby recognizes Sara Ting, World Unity Inc., and the “Sun Poem” for their work to build a diverse, intersectional, and equitable City of Boston.

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