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## **CITY OF BOSTON**

**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE**

### **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AUGUST AS NATIONAL BLACK BUSINESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS,** Black entrepreneurs and business owners are central to Boston’s economic vitality, cultural richness, growth, and furthermore Black Business Month, celebrated nationally each August, offers a platform to recognize and uplift these essential contributors across Boston and Massachusetts at large; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Supporting Black-owned businesses is a critical part of advancing racial and economic equity, narrowing the racial wealth gap, and ensuring that prosperity in Boston is shared across all neighborhoods; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Boston is home to many Black-owned businesses across industries, from restaurants and retail, to professional services and technology, each creating jobs, generating wealth, and building community; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Examples such as OneUnited Bank, the largest Black-owned bank headquartered in Boston, along with Black-owned businesses such as Emerald City Plant Shop and Frugal Bookstore exemplify the entrepreneurial spirit and cultural innovation driving economic renewal throughout Boston; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, Boston’s Black-owned restaurants and culinary businesses, from historic institutions like Slade’s Bar & Grill in Roxbury to trailblazers such as Soleil in Nubian Square, or Grace by Nia, together with a broad array of local Black entrepreneurs, anchor neighborhood economies and strengthen social connection across the city; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Celebrating Black Business Month is an opportunity for all residents to intentionally support Black-owned businesses by shopping local, dining, investing, and spreading awareness, thereby strengthening communities; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council designate the month of August as Black Business Month in the City of Boston, and encourage all residents, institutions, and partners to uplift and support Black-owned businesses in Boston and beyond.