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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 5TH AS CRISPUS ATTUCKS DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Crispus Attucks was born into slavery in Framingham, Massachusetts, around the year 1723, with his father being an enslaved African man named Prince Yonger, and his mother being a Native American woman named Nancy Attucks; and

WHEREAS, Crispus Attucks embraced his family's multicultural heritage and rose above the shackles of slavery to become a sailor and talented whaler, spending much of his life at sea and working along the docks of the Atlantic seaboard, earning a reputation as a trusted longshoreman and negotiator, as well as being recognized as a patriot and advocate for equal human rights by his peers; and

WHEREAS, On March 5, 1770, Crispus Attucks made the ultimate sacrifice as the first person killed in the Boston Massacre, an event that ignited the flames of the American Revolution and forever changed the course of history and acknowledged him as the first hero of the American Revolution, and;

WHEREAS, Crispus Attucks' sacrifice symbolizes the fight for freedom, justice, and equality, inspiring generations of Americans to stand up against oppression, and;

WHEREAS, The city of Boston recognizes the importance of honoring the contributions and memory of Crispus Attucks in shaping the course of American history, and;

WHEREAS, Designating March 5th as Crispus Attucks Day serves as a reminder of the ongoing struggle for civil rights and social justice, and;

WHEREAS, Commemorating Crispus Attucks Day will provide an opportunity for education and reflection on the significance of his actions and the impact of the Boston Massacre on the American Revolution; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT;**

RESOLVED, That the City Council of Boston hereby recognizes March 5th as Crispus Attucks Day in the City of Boston, and urges all residents to honor his memory and legacy through appropriate observances and activities.

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