



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

WHEREAS: The Rev. Kevin Charles Peterson has performed extraordinarily well in public life, which has made Boston better as a city; *and*

WHEREAS: He has been instrumental in registering thousands of Black voters across the City of Boston in order to make our city more inclusive and socially connected. He was important in the redistricting process on the state level that resulted in the increase of state representative and state senate seat in Boston in 2010, including the creation of the first Black congressional seat; *and*

WHEREAS: Rev. Kevin Peterson initiated the reparations movement in Boston in 2018 by way of calling for the change of the name of Faneuil Hall. He was the leader in constructing the "Boston Apology" for its role in the trans-Atlantic slave trade connected to Boston in 2021; *and*

WHEREAS: The City Council affirmed an effort proffered by Rev. Peterson related to the "apology" that led to the creation of the the Boston Reparations Task Force; *and*

WHEREAS: He has organized the Black community and beyond through community forums, civic gatherings, social services for families in need, and citywide events that speak to the greatness of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS: He has demonstrated an interest working to reduce violence in the city, and worked with city officials toward a decisive and new anti-violence policy, which is leading to the reduction of violence in the Boston's Black community; *and*

WHEREAS: He has been a racial bridge builder, a social and political healer, in the the local tradition of Melvin King and Elma Lewis (his mentors) and many others, including Bruce Bolling, Charles Yancey, Mayor Raymond Flynn, Rev. Michael Haynes, and Governor Michael Dukakis; *and now therefore be it*

RESOLVED: That the City Of Boston recognizes the Rev. Kevin C. Peterson as one of its finest citizens who seeks to make the Boston a hospitable and welcoming place for all, and that during this Black History Month and beyond the Boston City Council acknowledges his contributions as sincere; *and be it further*

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby recognizes this day, February 14th, as Kevin Peterson Day in the City Of Boston for now and evermore.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: February 9, 2024