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**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.1250/S.799 “AN ACT TO
ADVANCE HEALTH EQUITY”**

WHEREAS: Historically, our communities of color, particularly our Black and Latinx residents, have experience health inequities that lead to diminished health outcomes and life expectancy, and the COVID-19 pandemic had made these inequities all the more stark and visible; *and*

WHEREAS: It is critical that we work to address inequities in accessing healthcare, medication access, and the underlying socioeconomic factors that lead to disparities in health outcomes for our communities of color; *and*

WHEREAS: H.1250/S.799 “An Act To Advance Health Equity”, sponsored by Representative Bud Williams, Representative Judith Garcia, Senator Pavel Payano, and Senator Liz Miranda, is a state bill in the 2023-2024 legislative session that seek to advance health equity by standardizing health equity data, increasing access to care, and prioritizing equity in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; *and*

WHEREAS: This bill is the work of Health Equity Compact, a coalition of 80 leaders of color who are committed to addressing health inequities and the barriers that negatively impact the health of our communities, and it is a bill that is highlighted in a recent hearing when discussing the critical need to address health inequities; *and*

WHEREAS: The legislation proposes to create a cabinet-level Executive Office of Equity, require the use of standardized health equity metrics cross provider and payer organizations, expand access to MassHealth regardless of immigration status, address the cost burdens of medication for conditions that disproportionately impact communities of color and low income communities, require providers to meet or exceed national standards in providing culturally and linguistically appropriate care, and more; *and*

WHEREAS: The passage of this bill will be a big step forward for our state in prioritizing healthcare equity and ensuring that all residents regardless of race and socioeconomic status live healthy lives; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the Boston City Council strongly supports the passage of H.1250/S.799 “An Act To Advance Health Equity”, and urges prompt action in the passage of this legislation.

Filed on: March 13, 2024