

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MINIARD CULPEPPER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION DECLARING JULY 11TH AS MADMOMS DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Janice V. Johnson is the Founder and Executive Director of MADMOMS (Mothers Against Drugs, Inc.), an organization established in January 2024 to honor the legacy of her son, Ja'Maar "5ive" Johnson, raise awareness about substance-use-related harms, and support individuals, families, and communities impacted by substance use and loss; *and*

WHEREAS, For more than twenty years, Janice V. Johnson has dedicated herself to serving Boston's communities through initiatives including The Youth for Unity Project and The Doll House Corporation, and through nine years of exemplary service at the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, where she led Healing Support Services and provided compassionate support to survivors and families impacted by homicide, strengthening community resilience and promoting healing; *and*

WHEREAS, MADMOMS provides holistic healing services, support groups, community events, and educational programming that uplift the voices of survivors and families affected by substance use, while expanding outreach through initiatives such as the MADMOMS Media YouTube channel to foster awareness, recovery, resilience, and wellness; *and*

WHEREAS, MADMOMS also presents annual community initiatives, including Dad Speak Week Live, which celebrates fathers, promotes substance-use awareness, connects families with resources, recognizes community leadership through the "Heart of the Family" Awards, and creates opportunities for fathers to share their lived experiences and strengthen community dialogue; *and*

WHEREAS, On July 11, 2026, MADMOMS will open the 5ive Star Studio Café at The Phoenix, a dedicated songwriting and music space designed to support individuals in recovery, their families, and those who have lost loved ones to substance-use-related causes and other tragic events by providing creative expression, mentorship, peer support, and opportunities for healing through music; *and*

WHEREAS, Recognizing July 11th as MADMOMS Day honors the legacy of Ja'Maar "5ive" Johnson, celebrates the opening of the 5ive Star Studio Café, and recognizes the extraordinary leadership of Janice V. Johnson and MADMOMS in promoting recovery, remembrance, healing, and hope for individuals and families throughout the City of Boston; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby recognizes and declares July 11th as MADMOMS Day in the City of Boston, and encourages all residents to celebrate and support the organization's continuing mission to raise awareness about substance-use-related harms, uplift families, promote recovery and resilience, and strengthen communities through compassion and advocacy.

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