

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR JULIA MEJIA



CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

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IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UPHOLDING THE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLE OF NO TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION**

- WHEREAS,** This year, the United States of America is celebrating its 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence, providing an opportunity for us to reflect on our democracy; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston is widely recognized as one of the birthplaces of the American Revolution and American democracy and has always been a pillar upholding democratic values; *and*
- WHEREAS,** As Tax Day during the U.S.' 250th, April 15, 2026, is an especially timely day to reaffirm our commitment to upholding the democratic principle of No Taxation Without Representation; *and*
- WHEREAS,** With the threats to democracy at the federal level, it is Boston's duty to protect participatory democracy throughout our city; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In Boston, community has expressed a desire to expand democracy at the ballot box and to be meaningfully engaged and have increased input in all decision-making processes, including budget allocations, planning and development projects, within Boston Public Schools, and more; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In honor of Boston's history, our City government must carry out the people's will by intentionally implementing democratic mechanisms for robust community engagement; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***
- RESOLVED,** That the Boston City Council reaffirms its commitment to No Taxation Without Representation in honor of Tax Day during the U.S.' 250th anniversary on April 15, 2026.

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