

City of Boston IN

CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION OFFERED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ED FLYNN

- WHEREAS:** This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA); *and*
- WHEREAS:** PVA is a non-profit veterans service organization that advocates for paralyzed veterans who have experienced spinal cord injuries and other disabilities. Their work focuses on advocating for quality health care, securing benefits, and helping paralyzed veterans find employment, and fighting for their civil rights; *and*
- WHEREAS:** PVA has 33 chapters and over 16,000 members across the country. The New England PVA chapter is based in West Roxbury and has assisted over 7,000 veterans, provided \$15,000 in COVID-19 relief grants to its members, and awarded \$5,500 to Veteran Affairs medical staff specializing in spinal cord injuries for their continuing education; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Paralyzed Veterans of America Awareness Month is observed in April every year to honor veterans living with spinal cord injuries and veterans with disabilities. The month recognizes the people, programs, and services that exist to help make these veterans' lives easier; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In April 1983, President Ronald Reagan established the first National Paralyzed Veterans Recognition Day to honor veterans living with spinal cord injuries and other disabilities. Three years later, in 1986, through extensive requests and advocacy by different chapters of PVA, the day-long observance was extended to the month-long Paralyzed Veterans of America Awareness Month; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Paralyzed veterans face many challenges that are often overlooked. We must recognize the important role that PVA plays in advocating and representing the interests and concerns of paralyzed veterans, their families and other persons with disabilities and ensuring these veterans' needs are met. *Therefore Be It*
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council celebrates the 75th anniversary of Paralyzed Veterans America and recognizes April as Paralyzed Veterans of America Awareness Month in the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____