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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 27TH, 2023, AS DOMINICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

- WHEREAS,** Dominican Republic independence day has been celebrated on February 27th since 1844; **and**
- WHEREAS,** Every year, the City of Boston proudly raises the flag of the Dominican Republic in celebration of our city's Dominican residents, who are the second-largest Latino population in Boston and the largest immigrant population, according to the US Census Bureau; **and**
- WHEREAS,** The flag of the Dominican Republic is an incredibly profound symbol of the country's values, with the blue of the flag stands for liberty, the white for salvation, and the red for the blood of heroes; **and**
- WHEREAS,** In the center of the flag of the Dominican Republic is the country's crest, which proudly displays the motto "DIOS, PATRIA, LIBERTAD," or "God, Fatherland, Liberty." At the center of this crest, there is a bible opened to a page stating the following verse: "Y la verdad nos hara libre," or "And the truth shall set you free,"; **and**
- WHEREAS,** The values stated on the flag represent the hard-working Dominican community who work and live daily in the City of Boston, including members of organizations such as FUNDOARCU, who work to highlight the values of the Dominican heritage. The foundation carries out direct management in the promotion of the art and the culture in the community; **and**
- WHEREAS,** Raising the Dominican flag is also an opportunity for Dominicans of all backgrounds to come together, including Afro-Latino Dominicans, LGBTQ+ Dominicans, and others; **and**
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston has an exciting opportunity to celebrate and uplift the contributions made to our city by Dominicans and Dominican Americans, and while we should commemorate through the raising of the flag of the Dominican Republic, we should also further commit to the work of advocating on behalf of the Dominican community in Boston every day;
AND NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council recognizes February 27th, 2023, as Dominican Republic Independence Day in the City of Boston and that we continue to recognize, uplift, and assist in the celebration of the accomplishments of the Dominican community in Boston; ***AND NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: In recognition of Dominican Republic Independence Day, the Boston City Council orders the property management department to raise the flag of the Dominican Republic on February 27th, 2023.

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