

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ED BURKE DAY (ARBOR DAY)
OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN**

- WHEREAS,** Edward James Burke was a lifelong resident of Mission Hill and the Fenway and contributed to his communities with great service and dedication; *and*
- WHEREAS,** He provided many years of service to the City of Boston as the Assistant Clerk in 1966 and later as the head of the Office of Neighborhood Services under Mayor Raymond Flynn; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Fenway Civic Association (FCA) empowered local residents and fiercely advocated for area green spaces such as the Back Bay Fens thanks to Burke's commitment to the FCA starting in 1985; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Environmental victories such as the restoration of the Muddy River and the revitalization of the Back Bay Fens are collaborative efforts of the federal, state, and local government that relied on and were improved by resident advocacy from Burke and many others; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Edward Burke and Fredericka Veikley successfully worked with the City of Boston to create Ramler Park in the West Fenway, which has served as a place of reprieve and connection for residents and visitors since 2004; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Edward James Burke's lifelong commitment to bettering Boston and the neighborhoods he called home live on in the green spaces he fought for, the community members he empowered, and the City partnerships he fortified; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby declares Ed Burke Day (Arbor Day) in the City of Boston, to honor the invaluable contributions of his work to the green spaces that foster and sustain so much life in the Fenway.

Filed on: May 5, 2023



By: _____

President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Sautter

Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____