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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE BOSTON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND RECOGNIZE BOSTON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

**WHEREAS,** In 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized National Emergency Medical Services Week to celebrate and honor the important contributions of EMS professionals in safeguarding the health, safety and wellbeing of their communities; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Boston's municipal Emergency Medical Services plays a vital role working on the front lines of public health and public safety priorities, including infectious diseases, homelessness, addiction, the rising need for behavioral health services, and homeland security, and is one of three public safety agencies who respond to 9-1-1 calls in the City of Boston. Their department cares for patients with clinical proficiency, professionalism and compassion and is a recognized leader in emergency medical service and the largest municipal EMS in New England; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Boston EMS is the City of Boston's municipal ambulance service, caring for patients with clinical proficiency, professionalism and compassion. Member's of Boston EMS answered the call for over 134,000 medical emergencies in 2022, serving residents across every neighborhood of the city.; *and*

**WHEREAS,** This year's National EMS Week theme is 'EMS: Where Emergency Care Begins', speaking to the value Boston EMS plays in enhancing patient care coordination, particularly for those with barriers to accessing primary care.

**WHEREAS,** The department has implemented two new mobile integrated healthcare programs, including the 9-1-1 call transfer of eligible and interested behavioral health patients to mental health clinicians, as well as an alternative destination program for patients experiencing substance use disorder.

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council honors the contributions of the Boston Emergency Medical Services department and recognizes May 21st – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to be Boston Emergency Medical Services Week.

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