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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS TRANSIT EQUITY MONTH

- WHEREAS,** Transit equity seeks to address disparities in transit access and quality that disproportionately affect low-income communities, communities of color, and individuals with disabilities, such that public transportation is affordable, reliable, and connects individuals to their communities, families, jobs, and schools; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Recognizing February as Transit Equity Month can serve as an opportunity to reflect on the legacy of those who have fought to advance equity in public transportation, including commemorating the birthday of civil rights icon Rosa Parks and her contributions to equal rights, including in public transportation; *and*
- WHEREAS,** According to a statewide poll by Mass Inc., a substantial majority of Massachusetts residents support the implementation of a low-income fare program and fare-free bus service in targeted neighborhoods, demonstrating broad public consensus on making public transportation more accessible for all; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (“MBTA”) must create a reduced fare for all low-income riders of all ages, and recognize the significant positive impact such a program would have on enhancing mobility and access to essential services for underserved communities as displayed by the success and extension of Boston’s Fare-Free pilot program for the 23, 28, 29 bus lines; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Blue Hills Reservation, a 7,000-acre state park offering diverse activities, remains inaccessible to residents of nearby transit-dependent neighborhoods due to limited public transportation options, underscoring the critical need for improved transit access to natural and recreational resources; ; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Transit Equity requires significant reforms to address fare inequities within the MBTA system, including standardize fares across all neighborhoods within Boston, including within Zone 1A, thus promoting fairness and ease of access for all Bostonians, regardless of their location ; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council hereby proclaim February as Transit Equity Month and commit to supporting and promoting initiatives that enhance equitable access to public transportation for all individuals, recognizing the essential role that transit equity plays in achieving social justice and environmental sustainability.