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CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION DECLARING MARCH 2, 2024 AS BURNA BOY
DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Singer and songwriter Damini Ebunoluwa Ogulu, known professionally as "Burna Boy", was born and raised in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria and is now a global cultural icon who has helped introduce and popularize afrobeats to the entire world; *and*

WHEREAS, For too long, mainstream narratives have marginalized African voices and overlooked the richness of the continent's cultural heritage, with Burna Boy's rise to prominence highlighting a shift in this paradigm; *and*

WHEREAS, Burna Boy proudly embraces his Nigerian and African identity, infusing it with contemporary sounds to create music that resonates with audiences worldwide, thereby challenging stereotypes about African artistry and opening doors for aspiring artists from similar backgrounds; *and*

WHEREAS, Through his performances and advocacy work, Burna Boy amplifies the voices of marginalized communities and advocates for their recognition and rights, using his platform not only to entertain but also to educate and inspire, starting conversations about social justice, equity, and representation;*and*

WHEREAS, Nigeria is the largest source of African immigration in the United States and Massachusetts is one of the top 10 states with the highest Nigerian-born population, according to the American Community Survey; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston's commitment to recognizing and celebrating culture and diversity is evident in the range of cultural events, festivals, and community initiatives that showcase the city's multicultural landscape; *and*

WHEREAS, Burna Boy's legacy serves as a reminder of possibility, reminding us to continue amplifying voices that have long been silenced or overlooked; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: : That March 2, 2024 is designated Burna Boy Day in the City of Boston.

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