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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Over the last two centuries, Irish immigrants have enriched all aspects of Boston's and the Nation's history, and generations of Irish Americans have made great contributions to the City and Country; *and*

WHEREAS, When Irish immigrants first arrived in Boston during the Great Famine (*An Gorta Mór*) in the 1840s, they were not welcomed and faced many struggles, including poverty, prejudice, and discrimination in jobs and housing. In spite of the hardships and challenges they faced, they worked hard at often unsafe, dangerous, and low-paying jobs; *and*

WHEREAS, As the Irish population expanded and new generations were born, Irish Americans entered into the workforce and helped build the social, economic, and industrial engine of America. Many became teachers, firefighters, lawyers, police officers, politicians, construction workers, and business owners, and they contributed significantly to the American Labor movement, advocating for safe working conditions and fighting against racial discrimination and income inequality; *and*

WHEREAS, Today, Irish Americans continue to contribute to our City and Country in business, government, politics, religion, the U.S. military, building trades, and organized labor. They also contribute immensely to our arts and culture, as well as sports. Many of America's Nobel and Pulitzer Prize-winning poets and authors, award-winning musicians, actors, artists and athletes are Irish Americans; *and*

WHEREAS, During this month, we celebrate and honor the remarkable achievements and contributions of Irish Americans. Their resiliency and perseverance, commitment to social and economic justice, strong sense of community, and proud immigrant heritage have helped shape our City and our Nation's identity and made us a stronger people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED:

That the Boston City Council recognizes March as Irish-American Heritage Month in the City of Boston and pays tribute to the wonderful contributions of the Irish-American community. In recognition of Irish-American Heritage Month, the Boston City Council orders the City of Boston's Property Management Department to raise the Irish flag on March 15th, 2024.