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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 13th AS LOUIS D. BROWN DAY OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

WHEREAS, Louis D. Brown was born on April 13th, 1978, and grew to be a 15-year-old sophomore who was an avid reader motivated to pursue a Ph.D. and one day be the first Black President of the United States; *and*

WHEREAS, Louis was an advocate for violence prevention, working as a bridge-builder in his community and proclaiming that true peace will require both active individual participation in community alongside personal & collective civic engagement; *and*

WHEREAS, Louis continues to be an inspiration after his tragic passing, prompting his parents, Joseph and Clementina Chéry, to co-found the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute in 1994 to honor his legacy and continue the peacemaking work he was leading; *and*

WHEREAS, This year, the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute is commemorating thirty years of responding to violence in the community and being a center of healing, teaching, & learning; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is a more peaceful, collaborative community thanks to the legacy of Louis and the ongoing work he continues to inspire; *and*

WHEREAS, This year, the Louis B. Brown Peace Institute continues to honor Louis's legacy by observing the Second Annual Louis D. Brown Day of Civic Engagement; *and*

WHEREAS, Last year, the Boston City Council declared April 13th, 2023 to be the first annual "Louis D. Brown Day of Civic Engagement" to honor the legacy of Louis through civic engagement and action; *and*

WHEREAS, Louis believed that we all have a part to play in fostering a more peaceful world through our personal and collective civic engagement. Louis's legacy continues to inspire the next generation of peacemakers in the City of Boston and beyond,
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council recognizes April 13th, 2024 as the second "Louis D. Brown Day of Civic Engagement".

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