OFFERED BY COUNCILORS EDWARD M. FLYNN, JOHN FITZGERALD, ERIN J. MURPHY, BREADON, CULPEPPER, DURKAN, PEPÉN, WEBER, AND WORRELL

CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION OF UNEQUIVOCAL DENOUNCEMENT AGAINST ANY VIOLENCE, ASSAULT, OR HARASSMENT TOWARDS BOSTON POLICE OFFICERS, OUR DEDICATED FIRST RESPONDERS, AND CITY OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, On June 28, 2026, a Boston Police Officer was in pursuit of an arrest when a large crowd surrounded him, throwing drinks and glass at the officer before the suspect fled. Reports indicate that the suspect and the officer physically struggled when a group congregated with cars and mopeds and began throwing alcoholic beverages at the officer, leaving broken glass scattered on the street; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Police Department has longstanding issues of understaffing, overstretched resources, forced overtime and looming retirements. Boston Police Officers have worked more than 16 hour days for years. The Boston Police Patrolmen's Association recently noted that the Department is down roughly 600 officers, operating at roughly one-third of the workforce; *and*

WHEREAS, This and similar incidents contribute to low morale, retention, and recruitment. Especially during a time of increased violence and public safety issues in Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, The lack of support or indifference when it comes to supporting the Boston Police, Boston Fire Department and Boston EMS only exacerbate these issues , and our city is ultimately less safe in the long run. Public safety begins with supporting the families of the men and women who put themselves in harm's way every day to serve and protect our communities; *and*

WHEREAS, It is critical that all elected officials at the city and state level - especially the Boston City Council and the City Administration - denounce any violence, assaults, or harassment against the Boston Police Department, code enforcement officers, officials in the Boston Transportation Department, and our dedicated first responders, including the Boston Fire Department and Boston EMS, and to support their families. We must also make it clear that those who put their lives on the line to protect our communities deserve our unwavering support, respect, and resources necessary to effectively serve the people of Boston; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council unequivocally denounces any violence, assaults, or harassment towards Boston Police Officers, our dedicated first responders, and other city officials.

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