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**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND
TWENTY-FIVE**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING BOSTON A SANCTUARY CITY FOR
TRANSGENDER PERSONS AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE
LGBTQIA2s+ COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, Boston is home to the largest Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, and 2-spirit (LGBTQIA2s+) population in the state of Massachusetts and the 10th largest LGBTQIA2s+ population out of all cities in the United States, underscoring the importance of the city continuing to be a safe-haven for all residents regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation; *and*

WHEREAS, The internationally recognized Transgender Day of Remembrance originated in Boston as a response to the murders of three Black transgender women—Rita Hester, Monique Thomas, and Chanelle Pickett—here, emphasizing the city’s profound duty to continue confronting the ongoing and disproportionate violence, discrimination, and systemic barriers faced by trans women of color and all trans people; *and*

WHEREAS, Since January 20, 2025, LGBTQIA2s+ people across the country have been targeted by several executive orders that aim to curtail life-saving gender-affirming health care, reproductive healthcare, HIV prevention and treatment care, the inclusion of gendered language in federally-backed scientific research, and more, thus posing significant public health risks to LGBTQIA2s+ persons and all residents; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston is a global leader in research, education, and medical innovation, with institutions that affirm the importance of science and evidence-based policies. Ongoing federal actions—including recent executive orders that undermine LGBTQIA2s+ rights and promote their erasure—have been in direct conflict with the city’s commitment to research-driven, inclusive, approaches to public policy; *and*

WHEREAS,

Boston recognizes that sanctuary policies are a critical tool to ensure that all residents—regardless the identities they may hold—have inalienable human rights and deserve to feel safe, welcome, and supported; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED,

The City of Boston declares itself a Sanctuary City for members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community, with a specific commitment to protecting transgender and gender-diverse individuals. Taxpayer-funded agencies shall not comply with federal efforts to strip resources that safeguard their rights. Boston will not cooperate with federal or state policies that harm transgender and gender-diverse people and remains committed to ensuring their access to healthcare, housing, education, and employment without fear or discrimination.

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