

Resolution of Councilors Chuck Turner, Felix Arroyo, Charles C. Yancey and Sam Yoon

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE MARCH 23, 2007 AS "WOMEN OF POWER II-AFRO-LATINA LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVIST DAY" IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS, March 23, 2007, is the first annual observance of *Women of Power II-Afro-Latina Leadership and Activist Day;* and
- WHEREAS, this observance is a effort to mobilize Women of African descent from Latin American communities to get informed, get involved framing a paradigm for transforming the conditions of our communities; and
- WHEREAS, Women of African descent in Latin America account for 70 million of the population; and
- WHEREAS, we demand respect and human rights for Afro-descendent women of Latin America; and
- WHEREAS, we defend our right to live without racism, discrimination, xenophobia, homophobia, sexism and any other forms of exclusion; and
- WHEREAS, we fight for our right to live our lives without violence, and
- WHEREAS, The Global Afro Latino Caribbean Initiative, The Franklin H. Williams Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute and Encuentro Diaspora Afro are hosting community events to recognize this day and its importance to Afrodescendent Women of Latin America; and
- WHEREAS, it is fitting that we join with other states to express our strong support for Women of Power II-Afro-Latina Leadership and Activist Day and the initiatives by Encuentro Diaspora Afro to celebrate and educate on issues affecting the Afro-Latina community. Therefore be it,
- RESOLVED, that the Boston City Council designate March 23, 2007, as Women of Power II-Afro-Latina Leadership and Activist Day in the city of Boston, and urge leaders, and local residents to strongly support this day and participate in events planned to commemorate the occasion.

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President of the City Council

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