

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Offered by Boston City Councillor Tito H. Jackson and Councilor Michelle Wu

- WHEREAS: Jazz is a genre of music that originated in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century in the Southern United States with musical elements such as blue notes, improvisation, polyrhythms, syncopation and swing; and*
- WHEREAS: Improvisation and interpretation are essential components that help make jazz an ever renewing art form that continues attracting new generations; and*
- WHEREAS: At its 187th session in the fall of 2012, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) petitioned to establish "International Jazz Day" within the United States and 17 other Member States; and*
- WHEREAS: Jazz is seen worldwide as the language of freedom and UNESCO's proclamation of April 30th as International Jazz Day highlights the universal values of jazz – peace, mutual understanding, collaboration, and cooperation across cultural, ethnic, and linguistic barriers; and*
- WHEREAS: JazzBoston is the premier jazz advocacy organization in the Greater Boston area, and its programs and services connect audiences of all ages to the music, bring jazz into underserved communities, use jazz to bridge generational and cultural divides, and raise Boston's profile as one of the world's great jazz cities; and*
- WHEREAS: JazzBoston is taking the initiative to recognize International Jazz Day in the City of Boston by presenting a free public concert, "No Walls," and reaching out to people in Boston's diverse communities to come together to celebrate; therefore be it*
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, do hereby offer their congratulations to JazzBoston on JazzBoston's efforts to increase awareness of the importance of jazz music in our city's cultural heritage and daily life; and be it further*
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council recognizes April 30 to be International Jazz Day in the City of Boston and encourage all Bostonians to participate in its observance.*



By: _____

Bill Lueders

President of the City Council

Attest: _____

Maura Feeney

Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Tito Jackson

Date: _____

April 30, 2014