



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

- WHEREAS:** The Women’s Suffrage Celebration Coalition of Massachusetts is hosting its Women’s Equality Day 2019 celebration on August 23rd, honoring the African American suffragists of Massachusetts who were strong advocates in the fight for women’s equality; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Honorees include Maria Louise Baldwin, an educator raised in Cambridge and lived in Boston, who later became the first African American female principal in Massachusetts and the Northeast, and used her voice to advocate for civil rights and voting rights; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Another honoree is Sojourner Truth, one of the most well-known African American suffragist and abolitionist, whose powerful speeches lifted and inspired many seeking equality; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The event will also honor Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin, who edited the first national paper published by and for African American women, and founded the first African American women’s club in Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Celebrating the extraordinary contributions of these African American women is important as we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment, and as we continue to fight for gender equality and voting access; *and therefore be it*
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council recognizes the tremendous work and advocacy of Maria Louise Baldwin, Sojourner Truth, and Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin, as well as other women of color who championed equality and voting rights; *and be it further*
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council recommits itself to advocate for issues such as equal pay for equal work, expanding opportunities for women and communities of color, and other issues related to equity.



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