City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR CHARLES C. YANCEY
AND THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING BOSTON AS A HUMAN RIGHTS CITY

WHEREAS: A *Human Rights City* is one whose residents and local authorities, through on-going discussions and creative exchanges of ideas, come to understand that human rights, when widely known as a way of life, can influence meaningful, positive economic and social change; and

WHEREAS: Developing *Human Rights Cities* is an attempt to build infrastructure for conflict prevention, human security, sustainable development, and to create a place for active civic engagement at the local, national, and global level; and

WHEREAS: Boston, Massachusetts, as a *Human Rights City*, becomes a model for communities around the world to witness practical ways in which the human rights framework can make every citizen a partner of sustainable change; and

WHEREAS: Washington, DC was declared the first *Human Rights City* in the United States on December 10, 2008 in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The nation's capital joined other *Human Rights Cities* around the world in working to provide leadership and advocacy, and to secure, protect, and promote human rights for all people; and

WHEREAS: Declaring a municipality as a Human Rights City provides that municipality with an opportunity to call attention to human rights violations around the world and to continue to promote the importance of educating its citizens about human rights; Therefore Be It

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, proclaims the City of Boston a *Human Rights City* on April 20, 2011, effective immediately and ceaselessly, forevermore.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: April 13, 2011

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