

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

RESOLUTION

The City Council of the City of Lowell wishes to go on record to declare May 25th in the City of Lowell as African Unity Day.

WHEREAS, the City of Lowell is home to a vibrant community of African immigrants, refugees, and others with ties to the continent; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 1963, 32 newly independent African countries signed the Charter of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to promote unity, solidarity, and political and economic cooperation among themselves, and to defend member states' sovereignty, territorial integrity, and independence; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the African Union is that of "an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the global arena"; and

WHEREAS, the African Union, supported by a global community, has grown to include 55 member states. Together, they have contributed to regional peace by continuing to promote democratic processes in efforts to secure Africa's long-term cultural, economic, and political future; and

WHEREAS, the African Unity Day will highlight the positive impact and contributions of the African community in Lowell and around the world. This day will serve as a way to celebrate the pursuit of peace and sustainable progress for all of Africa.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL as follows:

That we, the members of the City Council of the City of Lowell be recorded to declare May 25th in the City of Lowell as African Unity Day.