WHEREAS, Louis D. Brown was born on April 13th, 1978, and grew to be a 15-year-old sophomore who was an avid reader motivated to pursue a Ph.D. and one day be the first Black President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Louis was an advocate for violence prevention, working as a bridge-builder in his community and proclaiming that true peace will require both active individual participation in community alongside personal & collective civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, Louis continues to be an inspiration after his tragic passing, prompting his parents, Joseph and Clementina Chéry, to co-found the Peace Institute in 1994 to honor his legacy and continue the peacemaking work he was leading; and

WHEREAS, The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute has been honoring Louis’ legacy for over twenty-five years by responding to violence in the community and becoming a center of teaching, healing, and learning; and

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is a more peaceful, collaborative community thanks to the legacy of Louis and the ongoing work he continues to inspire; and

WHEREAS, This year, the Louis B. Brown Peace Institute continues to honor Louis’s legacy by introducing the First Annual Louis D. Brown Day of Civic Engagement; and

WHEREAS, Louis believed that we all have a part to play in fostering a more peaceful world through our personal and collective civic engagement. Louis’s legacy continues to inspire the next generation of peacemakers in the City of Boston and beyond,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council declares April 13th, 2023 as the first “Louis D. Brown Day of Civic Engagement”, to be commemorated annually hereafter.