

# City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

## BOSTON CITY COUNCILLOR TITO JACKSON

### NICOLA SACCO AND BARTOLOMEO VANZETTI COMMEMORATION DAY

- WHEREAS: Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti on August 23, 1927 were executed after being found guilty for the murder of Alessandro Berardelli and Frederic Parmenter by a clearly prejudiced and biased judge of the Commonwealth; and
- WHEREAS: Sacco and Vanzetti were outspoken critics of state and federal government and self-professed anarchists. Thus, many historians, specialists, scholars and others have contended that the Sacco and Vanzetti prosecution, trial, and death sentence displayed a lack of respect for political civil liberties and the right to dissent; and
- WHEREAS: Some critic have alleged that the conviction and execution of Sacco and Vanzetti, who were first-generation Italian immigrants, were at least partially influenced by racism, anti-Italian prejudice, and discrimination against immigrants in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Governor Michael Dukakis on August 23, 1977 issued a proclamation acknowledging the fiftieth anniversary of the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti and asking everyone to resolve to prevent the forces of intolerance, fear, and hatred from ever again uniting to overcome the rationality, wisdom and fairness to which our legal system aspires; and
- WHEREAS: These historical events are an integral part of the history of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and constitute a nefarious precedent that we must strive not to repeat; and
- WHEREAS: The Sacco and Vanzetti Commemoration Society and other community organizations are paying tribute to Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti August 23, 2016, by holding an event at Encuentro5, 9A Hamilton Place, Boston; Be It Therefore
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, hereby proclaims August 23, 2016 as Sacco and Vanzetti Commemoration Day in the City of Boston.



By: Michelle Wu  
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Gonsky  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Tito Jackson

Date: August 23, 2016