

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



*Offered by City Councilor At-Large
Ayanna Pressley*

- WHEREAS,** Imari Paris Jeffries' entire professional career has been in service to his country and community, as a veteran, community organizer, and nonprofit leader; and,
- WHEREAS,** He has created initiatives to promote diversity and social change throughout Massachusetts and has uplifted communities of color in Boston through his work with MA Service Alliance, Friends of the Children Boston, and Boston Rising; and,
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Paris Jeffries co-convoked an African American CEO and Executive Director group, co-founded the Community Fellows Program at the Institute of Nonprofit Practice, and Grove Hall Trust, and hosted the African-American professionals' meetup; and,
- WHEREAS,** Through his leadership position at Parenting Journey, he is committed to breaking the systemic cycle of parenting in poverty in addition to continuing the organization's 36 year history of providing direct services uplifting families; and,
- WHEREAS,** He is advocating for equitable family policies and disrupting the social narrative around parenting in poverty while addressing three core challenges facing communities of color including reliable jobs with living wages, access to affordable housing, and workplace policies protecting diverse needs of families; and,
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Paris Jeffries introduced Parenting Journey's inaugural Social and Family Justice Fellowship to empower families through the intersection of economic justice and parenting; **THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled officially recognize and honor Imari Paris Jeffries for his work on behalf of families in Greater Boston and around the country.



By: Andrea J Campbell
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Aguntso
Clerk of the City of Boston

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Date: 7-9-18