

COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF CHANUKAH 2018

WHEREAS, THE JEWISH FESTIVAL OF CHANUKAH WILL BE CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FROM THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 2, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 10, 2018; AND

WHEREAS, THE CELEBRATION OF CHANUKAH HONORS THE COURAGEOUS VICTORY OF A SMALL ARMY WHICH, ALTHOUGH GREATLY OUTNUMBERED, PREVAILED AGAINST THE FORCES OF RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION; AND

WHEREAS, THE CELEBRATION OF CHANUKAH ALSO COMMEMORATES THE BELIEF THAT A GREAT MIRACLE FOLLOWED THIS VICTORY WHEN A SMALL JAR WITH ONLY ENOUGH OIL TO BURN FOR A SINGLE DAY LIT THE MENORAH FOR 8 DAYS, BRINGING JOY TO ALL WHO HAD FOUGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO TEACH AND WORSHIP FREELY; AND

WHEREAS, THE CELEBRATION OF THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS IS PRESERVED AROUND THE WORLD THROUGH THE LIGHTING OF THE MENORAH, SYMBOLIZING THE IDEAL OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND OFFERING A BEACON OF HOPE TO ALL THOSE STILL SUBJECT TO SPIRITUAL OPPRESSION; AND

WHEREAS, RABBI RACHMIEL LIBERMAN, LEADER OF CONGREGATION LUBAVITCH AND DIRECTOR OF THE JEWISH EDUCATIONAL CENTER - CONGREGATION LUBAVITCH, SHARES THE JOY OF LIGHT WITH ALL CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH BY ANNUALLY KINDLING A MENORAH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON; AND

WHEREAS, THE ANNUAL LIGHTING OF THE MENORAH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON CONFIRMS OUR COMMITMENT TO THE UNIVERSAL RIGHT TO RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION AND SPIRITUAL FREEDOM OF ALL PEOPLE IN THE COMMONWEALTH AND AROUND THE GLOBE; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATE HEREBY JOINS WITH PEOPLE EVERYWHERE IN THE CELEBRATION OF CHANUKAH AND INVITES

CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL LIGHTING OF THE
MENORAH; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE TRANSMITTED
FORTHWITH BY THE CLERK OF THE SENATE TO RABBI RACHMIEL LIBERMAN.