

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

BOSTON CITY COUNCILLOR CHARLES C. YANCEY

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 critics 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; 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 the I.W.W. are paying tribute to Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti Sunday, August 23, 2014, by holding a gathering at the Boston Common Visitor Center, and march to the North End for a rally at the Rose Kennedy Greenway on Hanover Street; Be It Therefore
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, hereby proclaims August 23, 2014 as Sacco and Vanzetti Commemoration Day in the City of Boston.



By: _____

Bill Smeltzer

President of the City Council

Attest: _____

Maryellen Feeney

Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Charles C. Yancey

Date: _____

August 20, 2014