

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN AND COUNCILOR LYDIA EDWARDS



CITY OF BOSTON

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF THE PARTIAL FEDERAL GOVERNEMENT SHUTDOWN ON BOSTON VETERANS' SERVICES AND CHALLENGES FACING VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS: The partial Federal Government shutdown has placed many Federal services at a standstill across the nation; *and,*

WHEREAS: While the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is not impacted by the partial government shutdown, agencies such as the Department of Housing and Urban Development are affected, possibly delaying needed benefits to our Veterans and Military Families; *and,*

WHEREAS: Veterans and Military Families have proudly served our Country and earned their benefits from our City, State, and Federal Governments; *and,*

WHEREAS: Many Veterans and their families have expressed concerns that some benefits and services may be delayed due to the partial shutdown. This includes services specifically designed to assist female Veterans, homeless Veterans and disabled Veterans; *and,*

WHEREAS: The City of Boston has worked with Federal Agencies in the past through departments such as the Office of Veterans Services in order to empower our Veterans with the information that they need to be educated about the services and benefits they earned; *and,*

WHEREAS: It is critical that all our Veterans and Military Families are guaranteed on-time services and that there is an accurate assessment of the partial Federal Government shutdown's impact on timely services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the impact of the partial Federal Government shutdown on the services and benefits delivered to our Veterans and their Families. Representatives from the City of Boston and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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