

Whereas: World T.E.A.M. Sports (The Exceptional Athlete Matters) uses the universal power of sports to create soul-stirring experiences by teaming disabled athletes with able-bodied athletes, forming a true TEAM; and

Whereas: Given its magnanimous mission this distinguished organization has been able to attract the support of illustrious world class athletes to serve on the Sports Advisory Board including Greg Lemond, Nadia Comaneci, Bruce Jenner, Rafer Johnson, Billie Jean King, Scott Hamilton and Lance Armstrong; and

Whereas: World T.E.A.M. Sports recently moved its headquarters from Charlotte, North Carolina to Boston in order to bring their commitment of inspiring people with and without disabilities to embrace the human spirit through teamwork to our city; and

Whereas: World T.E.A.M. Sports has reached out to the Boston community through an exciting new initiative for Boston youth, offering year round free inclusive sports clinics teaming disabled inner-city youth with able-bodied inner-city youth in unique educational sports clinics; and

Whereas: World T.E.A.M. Sports will partner with Lesley University, the National Braille Press, Perkins School for the Blind and Erik Weihenmayer, on a curriculum for youth entitled *Touching the Top: A Profile in Courage*, allowing thousands of students to gain life skills and character training skills, NOW

Therefore: I, THOMAS M. MENINO, Mayor of the City of Boston, join the people of Boston in recognizing World T.E.A.M. Sports for its outstanding contribution to urban youth and do hereby proclaim Tuesday, March 15, 2005 to be

WORLD T.E.A.M. SPORTS DAY

in the City of Boston and I urge all my fellow Bostonians to join me in wishing the organization a long and successful partnership with the City of Boston.