

The City of Boston



PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,** The sixteenth President Abraham Lincoln declared a "Day of Fasting, Humiliation, and Prayer" in the midst of a great trial for our beloved country - the Civil War; **AND**
- Whereas,** On that Day, President Lincoln urged Americans of "all denominations" to engage in humble reflection and to "pray for His Mercy" to "bring down plentiful blessings upon our Country"; **AND**
- Whereas,** Our own city of Boston, along with the rest of our nation, finds itself today in the midst of another great trial - the affliction of coronavirus - that is taking the lives of so many and testing our social, emotional, and economic fabric; **AND**
- Whereas,** April 15th is already One Boston Day, a day of remembrance and reflection of the compassion and heroism of our first responders, our medical personnel, and all those who step up to help. That spirit of perseverance, courage, and compassion shines brightly during these difficult and challenging times of illness, fear, and anxiety; **AND**
- Whereas,** This Spring has been a season of prayer, renewal, hope, and resilience for us all and also coincides with the holy days in a number of Boston's many faiths in the form of Easter, Passover, and Ramadan; **NOW**
- Therefore,** I, Martin J. Walsh, Mayor of the City of Boston, do hereby join with the entire Boston community in proclaiming April 15, 2020, as

A DAY OF REFLECTION, PRAYER, AND UNITY *in the City of Boston*

I urge all of my fellow Bostonians and faith leaders to humbly reflect on those traits that made us a strong city in the past and to hope for and work toward a Boston that, through its survival of this disease, emerges more compassionate, more united and more just than it has ever been in its history.

MARTIN J. WALSH
MAYOR OF BOSTON
April 15, 2020