

The City of Boston



- Whereas:** *On September 9, 1919, more than 1,100 Boston Police officers put themselves on the line to fight for recognition of their trade union, for fair wages and decent working conditions; AND*
- Whereas:** *The Boston Police Department files claim that each officer "abandoned his duty September 9, 1919," historical records and family memory show these men fulfilled their duties as soldiers and sailors in the Great War, as law enforcement officers in many cities and towns, as civil servants in various public positions, as business entrepreneurs and workers, and as husbands, sons, brothers and fathers, setting an inspiring example for later generations; AND*
- Whereas:** *The aftermath of the Strike affected entire families who inherited the legacy of a dramatically influential and controversial event, and who have preserved stories and images of the lives of the strikers for one hundred years since the strike; AND*
- Whereas:** *Eighty-two volunteers devoted more than 90,000 hours over seven years to document the lives of the strikers through meticulous biographical research; AND*
- Whereas:** *Staff from University of Massachusetts Boston's Healey Library and the Boston Police Archives brought together community members, family members, students, retired police officers, and many others to commemorate the lives and stories of the striking officers on the occasion of the centennial, which resulted in a public website (bpstrike1919.org) for the benefit of all; NOW*
- Therefore,** *I, Martin J. Walsh, Mayor of the City of Boston, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2019, to be:*

1919 Boston Police Strike Project Day

in the City of Boston

I encourage all my fellow Bostonians to learn more about the 1919 Boston Police Strike and other aspects of Boston's history by sharing and documenting the history of their families and their communities

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin J. Walsh".

MARTIN J. WALSH
MAYOR OF BOSTON

September 7, 2019