

# The City of Boston



## PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,** *The USS Frank Knox DD/DDR-742 is celebrating the 75 th Anniversary of its launch and commissioning in 2019. The ship was named after Boston citizen William Franklin Knox, widely known as "Colonel Frank Knox"; AND*
- Whereas,** *Frank Knox was a publisher and volunteer serving in Theodore Roosevelt's "Rough Riders" during the Spanish American War in 1898. He returned to publishing after 1898 and later served as an artillery officer during WWI; AND*
- Whereas,** *Frank Knox was a candidate for Vice President in 1936 and later served as Secretary of the Navy from 1940 until his death in 1944. The USS Frank Knox distinguished itself during its twenty-seven years of United States service and was awarded 18 Battle Stars, the Presidential Unit Citation, the Meritorious Unit Citation, nine Navy "E" Awards as well as Ship of the Year and the Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy; AND*
- Whereas,** *The US Navy honored the service of Frank Knox by naming the first of a new improved destroyer in his name. The ship USS Frank Knox DD-742 quickly distinguished itself in WWII, between the wars in Tsingtao, China, Korea and in Vietnam; NOW*
- Therefore,** *I, Martin J. Walsh, Mayor of the City of Boston, do hereby declare September 20, 2019, to be:*

### **USS Frank Knox Day**

*in the City of Boston*

*I urge my fellow Bostonians to join me in celebrating the USS Frank Knox ship 75th anniversary in the City of Boston.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Martin J. Walsh", is written over a horizontal line.

**MARTIN J. WALSH**  
**MAYOR OF BOSTON**  
*September 20, 2019*