

# The City of Boston



## PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,** *the City of Boston is proud to celebrate Japan's National Day, an occasion that honors the birth of His Majesty the Emperor on February 23rd and serves as a moment to reflect on Japan's rich cultural heritage, remarkable achievements, and enduring contributions to the global community; And*
- Whereas,** *the deep and historic bonds between Japan and the United States, built on mutual respect, economic partnership, cultural exchange, and a shared commitment to peace and democracy, continue to flourish, strengthening ties between our nations and our people; And*
- Whereas,** *Kyoto, Japan, became Boston's first sister city in 1959, marking the beginning of a lasting partnership rooted in cultural exchange, education, and mutual respect; And*
- Whereas,** *Boston is home to a vibrant Japanese community that enriches our city's cultural landscape, fostering cross-cultural understanding through education, business, science, technology and the arts; And*
- Whereas,** *today's flag-raising ceremony at Boston City Hall stands as a testament to the City's recognition of these enduring ties and our continued commitment to fostering international collaboration and cultural appreciation; Now*
- Therefore,** *I, Michelle Wu, Mayor of the City of Boston, do hereby proclaim February 23rd, 2026 to be:*

***Japan National Day***  
***in the City of Boston***

*On this 23rd day of February, and in recognition of Japan National Day, I order the Property Management Department to raise the Japanese flag on the third flagpole on City Hall Plaza in place of the City of Boston Flag*

**MICHELLE WU**  
**MAYOR OF BOSTON**  
*February 23rd, 2026*