PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Katherine T. "Kittie" Knox was a trailblazing woman who broke racial and gender barriers in the late 19th-century Boston cycling scene; AND

Whereas, Ms. Knox was a resident of the West End, living with her family at 3 Irving Street (at the intersection with Cambridge Street); AND

Whereas, Ms. Knox was known not only for her skills on her bicycle but also her entrepreneurial spirit for designing and making her own bicycling garments; AND

Whereas, The City of Boston is interested in lifting up narratives of courageous Black women throughout the City's history; AND

Whereas, Ms. Knox made news across the country (and in Canada) through her cycling feats in the 1890s; AND

Whereas, The City of Boston recognizes the importance of visibility in naming things after women; AND

Whereas, Ms. Knox changed the bicycling world through her persistent and passionate presence; NOW

Therefore, I, Martin J. Walsh, Mayor of the City of Boston, do hereby declare August 20, 2020, to be:

Katherine T. "Kittie" Knox Day in the City of Boston

I urge my fellow Bostonians to join me in remembrance of Katherine T. “Kittie” Knox, dedication to her neighbors, cycling and the Boston community.

MARTIN J. WALSH
MAYOR OF BOSTON
August 20, 2020