

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR MARTIN J. WALSH

Rt Hon, the Lord Mayor, Councillor John Finucane Lord Mayor's Office Belfast City Hall Belfast BT1 5GS Northern Ireland

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## Dear Lord Mayor,

It is my great honor to invite you to visit the City of Boston from September 22-26 to further develop our growing Boston-Belfast Sister City Relationship. The Sister City agreement with Belfast was the first that I signed as Mayor of Boston in 2014. Since that time, we have seen the relationship grow to include collaborations ranging from sports, education, youth engagement, film, and, more recently, to economic development and entrepreneurship.

Our friendship and collaboration over the past five years have proven fruitful for both cities, and we welcome the opportunity to strengthen the relationship between our citizens and our business communities through cooperative activities.

If you are able to travel, your visit would be organized together with local municipal and community partners to arrange a robust program, which will provide flexibility for additional activities, as well.

We appreciate your consideration of our invitation. We look forward to your favorable response and would be happy to address any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Walsh

Mayor of Boston