



City of Framingham

Proclamation

December 31, 2025

Frederic A. Wallace Day in the City of Framingham

WHEREAS, Frederic “Fred” Wallace grew up in Melrose, Massachusetts, graduated from Melrose High School, attended Harvard University, and continued his studies at the California Institute of Technology before earning his Ph.D. in Chemistry from Tufts University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wallace enjoyed a distinguished career as a professional chemist, later serving as a lecturer in the Chemistry Department at Framingham State University until his retirement in 2008, following an earlier retirement from the chemistry industry in the 1990s; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wallace honorably served his country as a Korean War veteran in the United States Army, where he worked as an intelligence officer; and

WHEREAS, upon retirement, Dr. Wallace answered a call for volunteers at the Framingham History Center, where his lifelong passion for research led him to become a dedicated and invaluable volunteer for nearly two decades; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, under the chairmanship of Select Board Chair Dennis Giombetti, Dr. Wallace was appointed Town Historian, a title he has honorably held from 2007 through the present, transitioning to the role of City Historian upon Framingham’s municipal change; and

WHEREAS, throughout his service, Dr. Wallace also contributed his expertise as a member of the Framingham Historical Commission, further preserving and promoting the history of the community; and

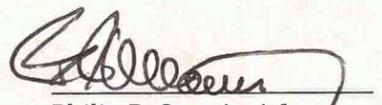
WHEREAS, in his second career, Dr. Wallace authored three significant historical works: a book on the Rice Brothers, Pushing for Cushing in Ware & Peace: A History of Cushing Hospital 1943-1991, and Framingham’s Civil War Hero: The Life of General George H. Gordon

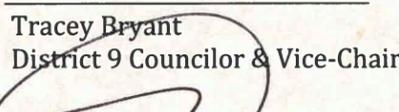
WHEREAS, from 2007 to 2025, Dr. Wallace has been a respected speaker at countless events, providing invaluable historical context and insight on Framingham’s past, including serving as the keynote speaker at the 80th anniversary of the Cushing Memorial Chapel in 2024; and

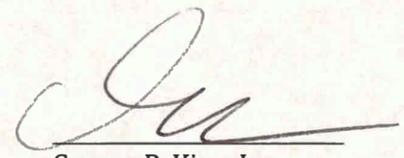
WHEREAS, Dr. Wallace will retire from his role as City Historian on December 31, 2025, marking the conclusion of nearly two decades of service as Framingham’s foremost historical voice and steward of community memory;

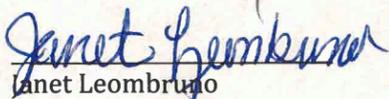
NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Framingham do hereby proclaim December 31, 2025, as **FREDERIC WALLACE DAY** in the City of Framingham, in recognition of his extraordinary dedication, scholarship, civic service, and unwavering commitment to preserving and interpreting the history of Framingham for generations to come.

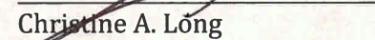

Charlie Sisitsky, Mayor

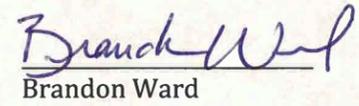

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District 6 Councilor & Chair

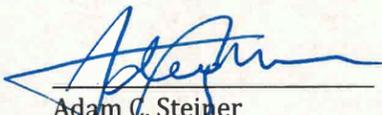

Tracey Bryant
District 9 Councilor & Vice-Chair


George P. King, Jr.
Councilor-at-Large

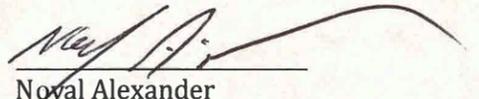

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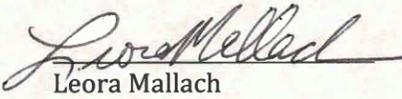

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District 1 Councilor

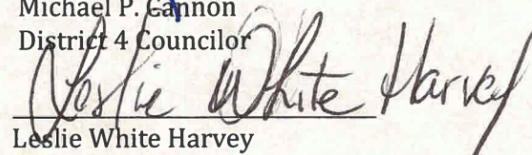

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District 3 Councilor

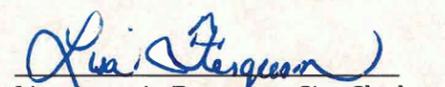

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District 4 Councilor


Noval Alexander
District 5 Councilor


Leora Mallach
District 7 Councilor


Leslie White Harvey
District 8 Councilor

Attested to by:


Lisa Antonio Ferguson, City Clerk
Emily L. Butler, Assistant City Clerk

