

The City of Boston



PROCLAMATION

- Whereas, Seiji Ozawa, who turns 85 on September 1, 2020, is Boston Symphony Orchestra's longest-serving conductor, holding the title of Music Director for 29 years (1973-2002) and now Music Director Laureate; AND*
- Whereas, Mr. Ozawa's achievements includes touring, award-winning recordings (more than 140 works), two Emmy awards, and numerous commissioned works; AND*
- Whereas, Mr. Ozawa championed many of the most important composers and performing artists of his time, including Henri Dutilleux, Peter Lieberson, Yo-Yo Ma, Jessye Norman, Itzhak Perlman, Peter Serkin, and Toru Takemitsu; AND*
- Whereas, Mr. Ozawa's BSO tenure includes the opening of Ozawa Hall at Tanglewood in 1994 in his honor; the historic 1979 tour to China, the international Ode to Joy performance with six choirs performing on five continents for the 1998 Winter Olympics, and a millennium extravaganza performance at the foot of the Eiffel Tower; AND*
- Whereas, An internationally acclaimed conductor, Mr. Ozawa held titles with the Vienna State Opera, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony, and co-founded the Saito Kinen Festival, now the Seiji Ozawa Matsumoto Festival; NOW*
- Therefore, I, Martin J. Walsh, Mayor of Boston, do hereby proclaim September 1, 2020, as:*

SEIJI OZAWA DAY *in the City of Boston*

I urge all Bostonians to join me in recognizing his historic career and contributions.

MARTIN J. WALSH
MAYOR OF BOSTON
September 1, 2020