

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas In recent years, the nation has experienced a number of the most catastrophic hurricanes in our history; and

Whereas During the Atlantic hurricane season our coastal and inland communities are at risk of being impacted by powerful tropical storms and hurricanes. The high winds, storm surges, coastal erosion, inland flooding and wide spread power outages that may be associated with these storms can damage and threatens the lives and property of our citizens. We must aggressively prepare and protect our communities and families; and

Whereas Historically, Massachusetts is at highest risk of being impacted by a tropical storm or hurricane in the later part of the hurricane season, with 75% of the major storms occurring from August through October; and

Whereas Being prepared for tropical storms and hurricanes can save lives and reduce property damage. The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency recommends that individuals, families and businesses take several important steps before the next major storm: create a disaster plan, build or maintain an emergency supply kit, secure homes, businesses, and belongings, and learn about hurricane evacuation zones; and

Whereas Advance planning and preparation safeguards lives, protects property and enhances the Commonwealth's resilience,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the month of July, 2015, to be,

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this Twenty-Sixth day of June, in the year two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in blue ink.

KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in blue ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts