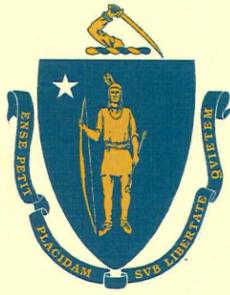


# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

*Whereas The Northeast United States has experienced significant impacts from hurricanes and tropical storms; and*

*Whereas During the Atlantic Hurricane Season, which occurs June 1 through November 30 each year, coastal and inland communities in Massachusetts are at risk of being impacted by powerful tropical storms and hurricanes; and*

*Whereas Historically, Massachusetts is at the highest risk of being impacted by a tropical storm or hurricane in the later part of the Atlantic Hurricane Season, with most of the major storms occurring between August and October; and*

*Whereas The high winds, storm surge, coastal erosion, inland flooding and widespread power outages that may be associated with these storms can threaten the lives and damage the property of our citizens; and*

*Whereas Advance planning and preparation by citizens, businesses and government organizations safeguard lives, protects property and enhances the Commonwealth's resilience; and*

*Whereas The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency recommends that individuals, families and businesses take several important steps before the next major storm, including creating a disaster plan, building or maintaining an emergency supply kit, securing homes, businesses, and belongings, and understanding hurricane evacuation zones,*

*Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the week of July 17<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, to be*

## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK

*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 first day of July, in the year two thousand and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-ninth.*

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*