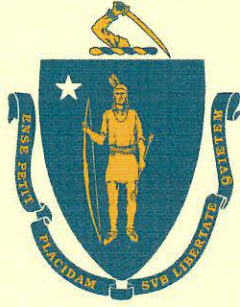


# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

*Whereas, Individuals and communities across Massachusetts are committed to working toward a society free of human trafficking; and*

*Whereas, Survivor safety and offender accountability is promoted through development of multidisciplinary team approaches for information sharing, coordinated interventions and support, as well as investigations and prosecutions; and*

*Whereas, Human trafficking, which includes sex trafficking, labor trafficking and forced criminality, disproportionately affects members of marginalized communities; and*

*Whereas, Those who are victimized by human trafficking often experience short and long-term impacts related to their trauma; and*

*Whereas, Recognizing the importance of human trafficking awareness, prevention and education during and outside of the month of January demonstrates our commitment each and every day to supporting survivors, holding perpetrators accountable and preventing exploitation before it starts; and*

*Whereas, Survivors of exploitation bring an essential voice to efforts to prevent, intervene and combat human trafficking. It is essential we listen to survivors in order to ensure effective policies and equitable services that meet their needs; and*

*Whereas, Through public awareness, Massachusetts seeks to support survivors and promote safe and healthy communities,*

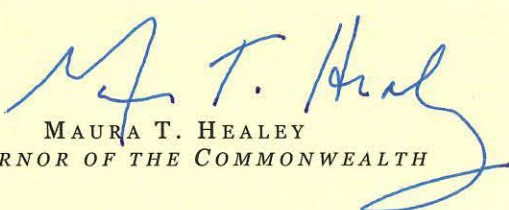
*Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim January 2026, to be,*

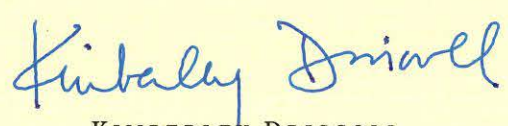
## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH


*And urge all residents 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 January, in the year two thousand and twenty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-ninth.*

BY HER EXCELLENCY

  
MAURA T. HEALEY  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

  
KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL  
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

*God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*