

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, The Constitution of the state of Massachusetts, with its historic status as the world's oldest governing Constitution, enshrines a public duty to cherish public education; and

Whereas, The Massachusetts Constitution includes a need to "inculcate the principles of humanity and general benevolence" in the Commonwealth's people; and

Whereas, A high-quality K-12 education in the 21st Century must equip all students to participate fully in economic, cultural and civic life, and to engage as members of a self-governing society that bridges differences of background and viewpoint; and

Whereas, Multiple scholars and studies have found declining levels of civic knowledge and civic awareness among students throughout the United States; and

Whereas, The disproportionate access to high-quality civics education nationwide contributes to lower levels of civic knowledge and awareness for students of color and students from low-income communities; and

Whereas, Massachusetts has demonstrated its commitment to promoting high-quality civics education through its 2018 Act to Promote and Enhance Civic Engagement as well as its Civics Education Trust Fund; and

Whereas, The week of March 9th through March 13th, of the year 2026, is recognized across the United States of America as National Civic Learning Week,

Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim March 9th through March 13th, 2026, to be,

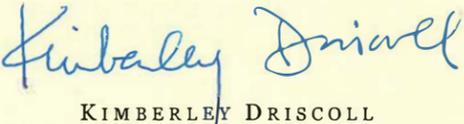
CIVIC LEARNING WEEK

And urge all the 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 March, 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