

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, The month of June commemorates the contribution of the distinctive, enriching cultural traditions of Caribbean Americans who, with their personality and accomplishments have influenced the USA; and

Whereas, There have been several waves of people who share common ethnic and cultural customs from the Caribbean archipelago to the northern coast of South America, including Jamaica, Barbados, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago, and Grenada; and

Whereas, The earliest documentation of Caribbean migration to the United States of America dates back to the seventeenth century arrival of Caribbean slaves of African descent from Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados and Jamaica; and

Whereas, Tens of thousands of their descendants live in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts today,

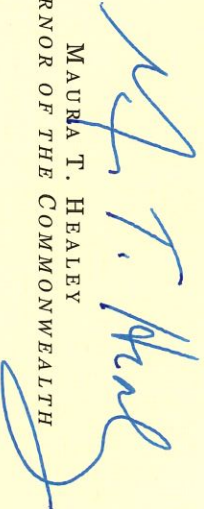
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim June 2024, to be,

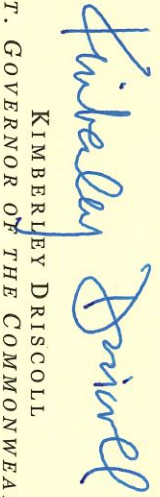
CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

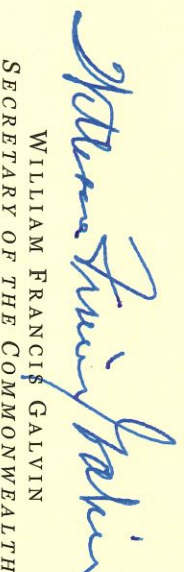
And urge all the residents of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of June, in the year two thousand and twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-seventh.

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