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## **GOVERNOR'S DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth is forecast to experience a powerful winter storm with heavy snow and strong winds impacting the entire Commonwealth tonight, February 22, tomorrow, February 23 and into Tuesday, February 24;

WHEREAS, the storm is expected to cause minor to moderate coastal flooding, widespread heavy snowfall, and storm force wind;

WHEREAS, the storm poses an imminent threat to public safety with potential flooding, downed trees, power outages, storm surges, blizzard conditions along the coast, and property damage;

WHEREAS, declaring a state of emergency will facilitate the Commonwealth's efforts to protect persons and property from the dangers of the storm and its aftermath, expedite the use of Commonwealth resources, as well as the deployment of federal and interstate resources, if required, and provide necessary assistance in the Commonwealth's emergency response and recovery efforts;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that local communities will declare local states of emergency and will request resources and support from the Commonwealth's departments and agencies to assist them in dealing with this storm emergency;

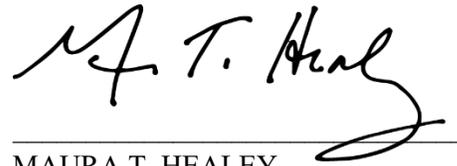
WHEREAS, the declaration of emergency will allow the Governor to issue such emergency orders as are necessary to protect the Commonwealth's residents and ensure their health, safety and the security of their property;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pursuant to the power provided by Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 do hereby issue this proclamation that there now exists in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a STATE OF EMERGENCY.

Pursuant to the powers granted to the Governor in Sections Five, Six, Seven, Eight and Eight-A of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950, as amended, and other provisions of the law, I shall from time-to-time issue recommendations, directions and orders as circumstances require.

This proclamation of a STATE OF EMERGENCY is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to my judgment, that the STATE OF EMERGENCY no longer exists.

Given in Arlington at 9:45 AM this 22nd day of  
February, two thousand and twenty-six.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. T. Healey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end that extends to the right and slightly downwards.

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MAURA T. HEALEY  
GOVERNOR  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts