

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, The Commonwealth's experience with, and susceptibility to severe weather and natural hazards such as floods, blizzards, hurricanes, and tornadoes, compounded by the continued risk of pandemics, terrorist attacks, and other hazards, both natural and man-made, demonstrates the ongoing need for the state's residents to take simple steps to prepare for a broad range of emergencies; and

Whereas, The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, including the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, Massachusetts State Police, Department of Fire Services, and the Massachusetts National Guard; the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, including the Department of Public Health and the Department of Mental Health; the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, including the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Agricultural Resources, Office of Coastal Zone Management and the Department of Public Utilities; the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; and other partners, have the responsibility to protect public safety, health, and property, and minimize injuries and the loss of life by preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters and emergencies; and

Whereas, The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Public Health, the American Red Cross of Massachusetts and other public safety partners are promoting personal, family and community preparedness in the month of September to build resilience, help reduce casualties, and minimize the economic impacts of disasters in our communities and in our state; and

Whereas, Emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every resident of the Commonwealth, and families, individuals, organizations, and communities are encouraged to take simple steps to make preparedness a priority by creating or updating a disaster plan, building an emergency supply kit, and preparing homes and businesses for all types of emergencies; and

Whereas, All residents of the Commonwealth are encouraged to participate in preparedness activities and use the preparedness resources at www.mass.gov/ready

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim September, 2021, to be,

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

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 September, in the year two thousand and twenty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fifth.

BY HIS EXCELLENCE

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