A Proclamation

Whereas, Since the passage of Title IX in 1972, women have been guaranteed equal funding for interscholastic and intercollegiate sports. On Girls and Women in Sports Day, we honor the athletic achievements of yesterday and today for the many girls and women who participate in sports; and

Whereas, Participation in sports is one of the most effective ways girls and women can develop self-discipline, initiative, confidence and leadership skills, regardless of background; and

Whereas, Through athletics, the bonds built between girls and women can help to break down social barriers and the communication and cooperation skills developed play a key role in the athlete's contributions at home, and work and to society; and

Whereas, Today more than 1,000 participants from across the Commonwealth are joining together at Faneuil Hall to celebrate girls and women in sports and athletes from our high schools will be honored for their outstanding athletic efforts and achievements,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim February 1st, 2019, to be,

MASSACHUSETTS GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

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 twenty-second day of January, in the year two thousand and nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-second.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Charles D. Baker
Governor of the Commonwealth

Karyn E. Polito
Lt. Governor of the Commonwealth

William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts