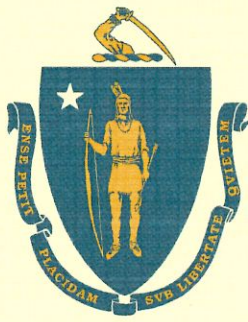


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, The Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. represents the spouses and families of the members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who have died on active duty or as a result of a service-connected disability; and

Whereas, The primary mission of the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. is to provide services, support and friendship to the spouses of the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

Whereas, In 1945, the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. was organized with the help of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt to assist the families left behind by the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

Whereas, The first meeting of the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. was held on April 5th, 1945; and

Whereas, April 5th, 2024, marks the 79th anniversary of the first meeting of the Gold Star Wives of America; and

Whereas, The members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States bear the burden of protecting freedom for the United States and the sacrifices of the families of the fallen should never be forgotten,

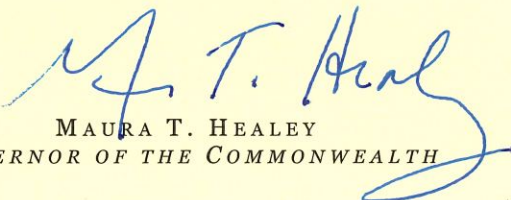
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim April 5th, 2024, to be,


GOLD STAR WIVES AND SPOUSES DAY


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

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this fifth day of April, 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