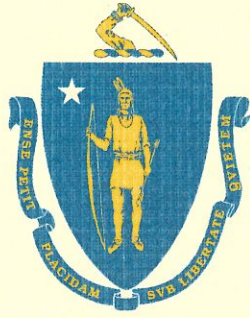


# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

Whereas, Historically, many destructive and deadly tropical storms and hurricanes have made landfall in, or impacted New England; and

Whereas, During the Atlantic Hurricane Season, which occurs June 1 through November 30, coastal and inland communities in Massachusetts are at risk of being impacted by powerful tropical storms and hurricanes.; and

Whereas, Massachusetts is at highest risk of being impacted by a tropical storm or hurricane in the later part of the Atlantic Hurricane Season, with most of the major storms occurring between August and October; and

Whereas, The high winds, storm surge, coastal erosion and inland flooding associated with these storms threaten the lives and property of our citizens; and

Whereas, Advance planning and preparation by citizens, businesses, communities and government safeguards lives, protects property, mitigates impacts and enhances the Commonwealth's resilience; and

Whereas, The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and other public safety agencies and organizations continue to prepare for disasters such as hurricanes concurrent with the public health challenges of COVID-19; and

Whereas, The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency recommends that individuals, families and businesses take important steps to prepare for the next major storm, including creating a disaster plan with preparations needed during the COVID-19 public health emergency, building an emergency supply kit, preparing homes and businesses, learning whether you live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone and developing an evacuation plan; and

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim July 12<sup>th</sup> to July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, to be,

## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK

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 seventh day of July, in the year two thousand and twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-third.

HIS EXCELLENCY

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