A Proclamation

Whereas, Maple sugaring is the first sign of the state's annual agricultural awakening; and

Whereas, Massachusetts is one of the ten major maple producing states in the United States; and

Whereas, Massachusetts sugar makers produced more than 75,000 gallons of syrup in each of the last two seasons; and

Whereas, Massachusetts maple producers' sales each year contribute more than $6 million to the Commonwealth's economy, employ more than 1,000 workers, and steward more than 15,000 acres of woodland; and

Whereas, Massachusetts sugar makers lead the nation in direct-to-consumer sales, helping to sustain many diversified farms and contributing to a thriving local economy; and

Whereas, It is appropriate for the citizens of Massachusetts to recognize the continued contribution of maple farmers who perpetuate a cherished New England tradition and who positively impact our economy, environment and way of life,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2019, to be,

MASSACHUSETTS MAPLE 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 twenty-second day of February, 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 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