

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, Massachusetts is one of the top 10 maple syrup producing states in the country, home to more than 300 maple producers; and

Whereas, Maple sugaring signifies the start of the agricultural production in Massachusetts and is the first sign of the state's annual agricultural awakening; and

Whereas, Massachusetts Maple sugarmakers produce more than 60,000 gallons of syrup each year, worth over \$5 million; and

Whereas, Massachusetts maple producers employ more than 1,000 workers and contribute more than \$15 million to the state's economy each year; and

Whereas, Maple producers maintain and preserve over 15,000 acres of land across the Commonwealth, contributing to the protection of open space and farmland in Massachusetts; and

Whereas, The maple sugar industry in Massachusetts is one of the most environmentally sustainable sectors of agriculture, employing the latest in green technology and renewable energy sources; and

Whereas, Massachusetts maple farmers preserve a cherished New England tradition and way of life that benefits all residents of the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, Maple syrup contains natural vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants that may reduce inflammation caused by free radicals and can be incorporated into countless recipes and is the signature topping of pancakes and French toast; and

Whereas, Maple sugar producers provide a unique and fun experience for visitors during the month of March by hosting sugarhouse tours and offering pancake breakfasts that serve to educate and entertain as well as provide the communities they're in with a boost to their local economies during an otherwise dormant time for agricultural tourism,

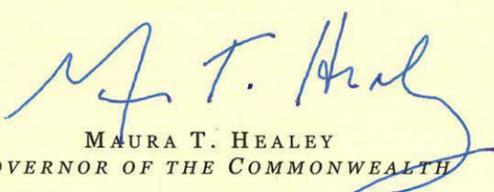
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim March 2026, to be,

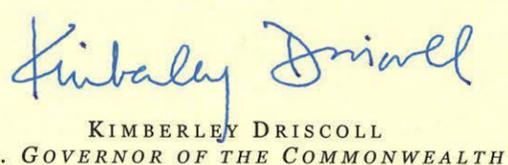
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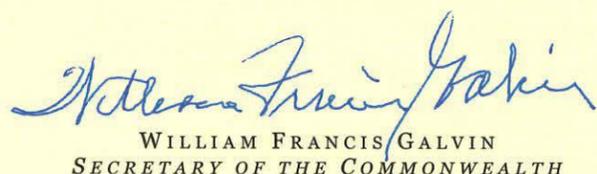
And urge all the residents of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of March, in the year two thousand and twenty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-ninth.

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