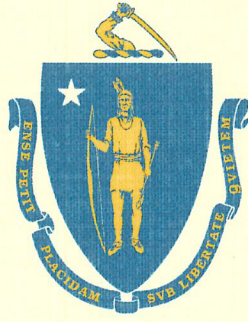


# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## *A Proclamation*

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

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

*Whereas, Maple farmers help to maintain thousands of acres of open working landscapes across the Commonwealth; and*

*Whereas, Massachusetts sugar makers produce more than 70,000 gallons of syrup each year; and*

*Whereas, Massachusetts maple producers' sales each year contribute more than \$12 million to the Commonwealth's economy, employ more than 1,000 workers, and steward more than 15,000 acres of woodland; 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 impact positively on 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, 2022, 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 first day of March, in the year two thousand and twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fifth.*

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Charles Baker", written over the printed name and title.

CHARLES D. BAKER  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Karyn Polito", written over the printed name and title.

KARYN E. POLITO  
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "William Francis Galvin", written over the printed name and title.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

*God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*