A Proclamation

Whereas, Marfan Syndrome is a life threatening genetic connective tissue disorder that can involve multiple body systems including the heart and blood vessels, demonstrated by varying degrees of disability, pain, muscular skeletal issues, often resulting in a lifelong series of multi-system health-related maladies; and

Whereas, It is estimated that 1 in 5,000 individuals worldwide are born with Marfan Syndrome; and

Whereas, The number and severity of symptoms associated with Marfan Syndrome differ greatly among individuals even among members of the same family; and

Whereas, All expressions of Marfan Syndrome are lifelong, incurable and are potentially debilitating. As it is a life threatening genetic disorder, timely diagnosis and treatment is essential; and

Whereas, Marfan syndrome is often misdiagnosed and maybe an under diagnosed condition; and

Whereas, Through public awareness, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts seeks to raise awareness of Marfan Syndrome in order to properly diagnose and treat individuals affected by this disorder,

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

MARFAN SYNDROME AWARENESS 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 thirtieth day of January, 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 D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts