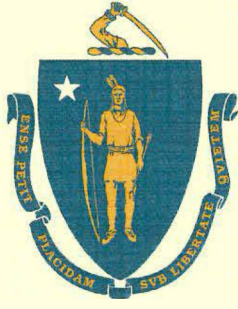


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, Global Accessibility Day has been held each year in May since 2012, with the goal of encouraging everyone to think, learn, and discuss digital access and inclusion; and

Whereas, 26.2 percent of Massachusetts residents identify as having a disability, emphasizing the importance of making digital assets accessible to everyone, including people with physical, sensory, cognitive, psychological, and speech disabilities; and

Whereas, State government provides essential information and services to diverse populations, and accessibility in all forms is critical to ensuring that all residents can access services and achieve independence, inclusion and empowerment; and

Whereas, Digital accessibility is a key tenet of the Healey-Driscoll Administration's commitment to equal access to government services and information; and

Whereas, Through Executive Order 614 establishing the Digital Accessibility and Equity Governance Board chaired by the state's first Chief Information Accessibility Officer, Massachusetts is strengthening its commitment to digital accessibility and equity by centralizing responsibility and aligning standards across the Executive Department; and

Whereas, Within the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security, the Accessibility Center for Consulting, Education and Support Services (ACCESS) advances these efforts by providing digital accessibility expertise and guidance across state agencies and leading digital accessibility strategy, policy and training throughout the Executive Department in partnership with Secretariat IT Accessibility Officers and stakeholders; and

Whereas, The Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD) oversees Executive Branch Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance; provides information, guidance, and training on disability-related civil rights and architectural access; and helps residents understand their disability rights and obligations, how regulations apply to the specifics of their situation, and practical steps they can take to assert their rights and comply with the law; and

Whereas, MassAbility, the Executive Office of Aging and Independence, the Department of Developmental Services, the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and the Office for Refugees and Immigrants, and other agencies under the Executive Department, each provide vital services for their constituencies, and promote accessibility throughout the state; and

Whereas, It is necessary to promote accessibility throughout state government, setting an example of inclusivity and to promote meaningful engagement between government and all populations represented in the state,

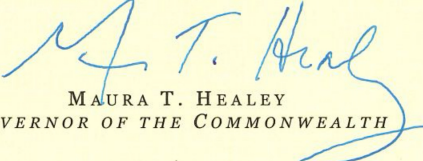
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, (governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim May 21st, 2026, to be,

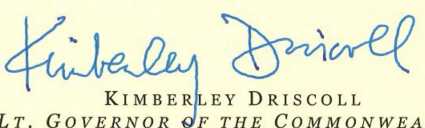
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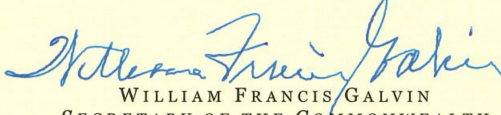
And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of May, 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