The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

A Proclamation

Whereas, October 2026 marks the 81st anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM); and

Whereas, NDEAM serves to educate the public about disability employment issues and to celebrate the diverse contributions of America's workers with disabilities; and

Whereas, NDEAM originated in 1945 as a week-long event focused solely on individuals with physical disabilities, evolving over time to a month-long observance that now acknowledges the importance of workforce inclusion for people of all disabilities; and

Whereas, Workplaces that embrace the talents of all individuals, including those with disabilities, are essential to fostering an inclusive community and a robust economy; and

Whereas, The activities during this month highlight the valuable contributions of people with disabilities to our workplaces and communities, reinforcing Massachusetts' commitment to enhancing access and equity for all; and

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

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

And urge all 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 October, in the year two thousand and twenty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fiftieth.

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