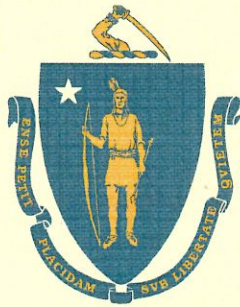


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, The science of geography has a growing importance in technology and connects our state's people, regions, natural resources and systems; and

Whereas, Geography is a common language that strengthens decision-making for governments, communities and businesses across Massachusetts; and

Whereas, An understanding of geography and its applications in GIS provide critical information for stakeholders and helps community leaders and government officials make data-driven decisions around education, health care, public safety, transportation planning, preservation of natural resources, employment opportunities and more; and

Whereas, The Massachusetts geospatial community coordinates these efforts to minimize duplication, reduce costs, inform high quality decision-making, influence outcomes, measure results and facilitate the sharing and interchange of geospatial data and knowledge; and

Whereas, The free flow of geospatial data helps people collaborate, share knowledge and allows data driven decisions which integrate geography to better understand our state and the systems we rely on every day; and

Whereas, Geospatial professionals support state, local, and regional government, federal agencies, academia, nonprofit, and private sector organizations; and

Whereas, It is necessary to promote GIS awareness, education and technical training among various groups across Massachusetts and there is a need to encourage the understanding of how leveraging geospatial data enhances the lives of all people living in and visiting the state,

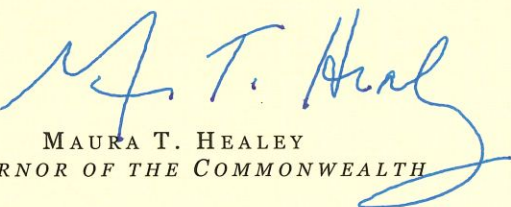
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim November 19th, 2025, to be,

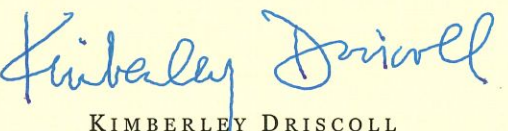
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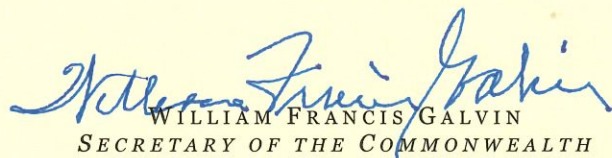
And urge all the residents of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of November, in the year two thousand and twenty-five, 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