

A Proclamation

Whereas, Urban farming practitioners contribute to the health and wellbeing of low-to-moderate income communities by providing innovative farmland solutions in Massachusetts; and

Whereas, Massachusetts urban agriculture trains hundreds of young people, enlists thousands of volunteers, and contributes hundreds of thousands of dollars to the local economies of gateway cities across the Commonwealth each year; and

Whereas, Massachusetts urban agriculture includes hundreds of community gardens and green spaces, which produce fresh and nutritious crops that feed thousands of families each year; and

Whereas, Urban agriculture beautifies once neglected and blighted areas in cities, turning them into productive growing and green spaces; and

Whereas, Massachusetts urban agriculture producers partner with rural farmers to ensure that many varieties of produce reach inner city communities, benefiting all residents of the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, Urban agriculture provides many opportunities to grow multi-cultural crops for our diverse population

Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim August 10th through 16th, 2025, to be,

URBAN AGRICULTURE WEEK

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 August, 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
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