

A Proclamation

Whereas, Tuesday, February 4th, 2025 recognizes the one-hundred twelfth birthday of Rosa Louise McCauley Parks; and

Whereas, On December 1st, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks made a courageous choice to sit at the front of the bus in the section intended only for White people. Her decision led to the beginning of the historical Montgomery Bus Boycott, where she inspired African Americans to stop utilizing Montgomery buses as a source of transportation in response to discrimination; and

Whereas, On November 13th, 1956, Rosa Parks earned the title, "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement", after the efforts of adamant African American protesters and the Supreme Court ruling that stated racial segregation laws were unconstitutional; and

Whereas, February marks Black History Month, paying tribute to the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve basic human rights in American society; and

Whereas, On this anniversary, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts commits itself to combating bigotry, racism and hate of all forms; and

Whereas, Massachusetts acknowledges and honors the vital role Rosa Parks played in the civil rights movement and her efforts on fighting for racial equality,

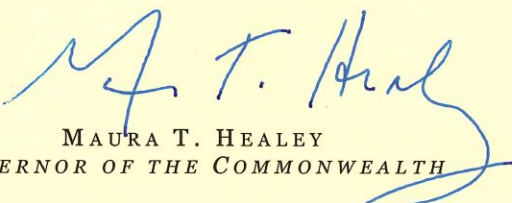
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim February 4th, 2025, to be,

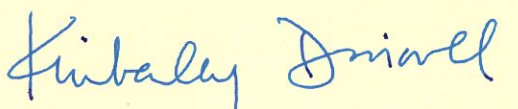
ROSA PARKS DAY


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 third day of February, in the year two thousand and twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-eighth.

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