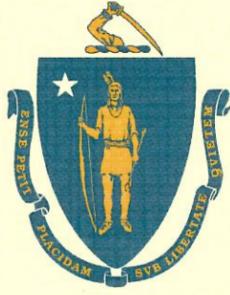


# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

*Whereas, Access to a healthy breakfast is essential to students' academic success and well-being; and*

*Whereas, Many families are facing hunger and at a time when the federal government has made cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and other food assistance programs, it's more important than ever to ensure students are well-fed; and*

*Whereas, Massachusetts is one of nine states to make school meals free for all students, and since implementation, average daily school breakfast participation has increased by 20 percent—an additional 48,000 students per day—demonstrating expanded access across the Commonwealth; and*

*Whereas, School nutrition professionals work diligently to provide highly nutritious meals to support students' growth and development, while strengthening partnerships with local farmers and food producers to serve fresh, locally sourced food; and*

*Whereas, School Breakfast programs reduce food insecurity by feeding 292,000 students every school day and helping families save on their grocery bill; and*

*Whereas, School Breakfast Week provides an opportunity to elevate the importance of school breakfast programs and encourage continued efforts to expand access for students across the Commonwealth,*

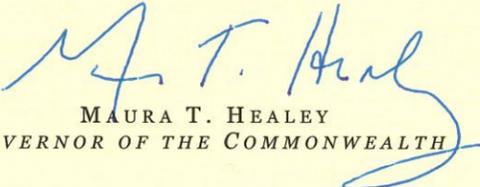
*Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim March 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, to be,*

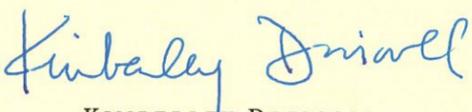
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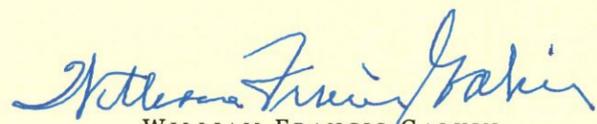
*And urge all the residents of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.*

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