

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, Women's History Month was first celebrated nationally in 1987 being signed into law by Congress; and

Whereas, The 2023 theme for Women's History Month is "Celebrating women who tell our stories"; and

Whereas, This year's theme recognizes the contributions and achievements of women past and present through all mediums be it the written word, social media, or the stage in an effort to communicate the lessons of women before us and strengthen the bonds of women throughout time; and

Whereas, Women were granted the right to vote with the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920 after a long battle for women's suffrage, a major milestone in the movement for suffrage; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth acknowledges and celebrates the efforts of women of color who continued their advocacy until all women gained the right to vote in 1965 with the Voting Rights Act; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth continues to support the progression of women in today's society through laws, programs, and initiatives such as the Commission on the Status of Women, the Office of Economic Empowerment for Women, and Executive Order No. 600: Protecting Access to Reproductive Health Care Services in the Commonwealth,

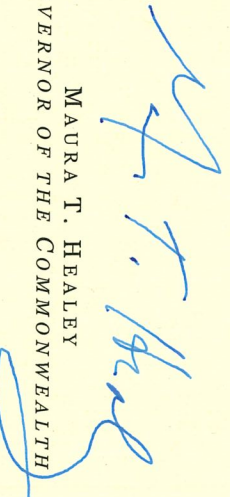
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim March 2023, to be,

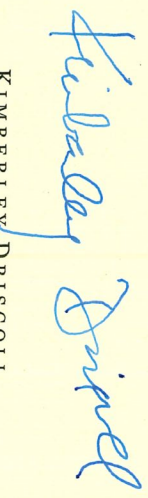
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

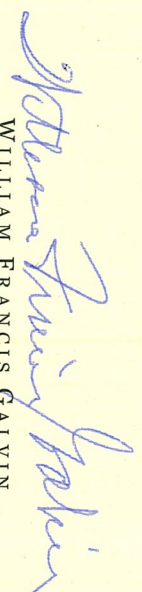
And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of March, in the year two thousand and twenty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-sixth.

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