

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, Massachusetts recognizes that it plays a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective safety and privacy; and

Whereas, Monitoring your accounts, being conscientious of what you share online, keeping computer software up to date, creating unique passwords and changing them regularly, installing antivirus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices and other internet-connected devices safely, are ways people and organizations can protect themselves from phishing, viruses, ransomware, other types of malware, financial loss and loss of sensitive data; and

Whereas, In a nation-leading effort to collaboratively enhance the Commonwealth's ability to prepare for, respond to, mitigate against, and recover from significant cybersecurity threats, the multiagency Massachusetts Cyber Incident Response Team (MA-CIRT) routinely reviews cybersecurity threat information and vulnerabilities to make informed recommendations, establish appropriate policies, and manage risk; and

Whereas, The Executive Office of Technology Services and Security has made critical investments to enhance the cybersecurity infrastructure of the Commonwealth, protect our digital assets, and sustain operational resilience through the operation of the 24/7 Commonwealth Security Operations Center; and

Whereas, The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and its agencies engage in a whole-of-government approach to protect the Commonwealth's critical infrastructure by facilitating vital information-sharing, investigating cybercrime, developing interagency response plans, preparing for cyber disasters, enhancing the Massachusetts Cybersecurity Incident Response Team (MA-CIRT), and implementing best practices to ensure a more cyber resilient Commonwealth; and

Whereas, The MassCyberCenter is partnering with leaders in Massachusetts to host and promote cybersecurity-focused events to showcase its cybersecurity ecosystem and to celebrate the progress in establishing Cyber Ranges and Security Operations Centers across the state; and

Whereas, In recognition of the 21st year of Cybersecurity Awareness Month, all residents are encouraged to reduce online risks by using the resources available and learning about cybersecurity so they can put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces and businesses; and

Whereas, The Cyber Resilient Massachusetts Working Group is bringing together federal, State, local and private-sector leaders to identify ways the state's innovative technology ecosystem can support municipalities and critical institutions in their efforts to protect sensitive data, increase cybersecurity awareness, and respond to emerging threats,

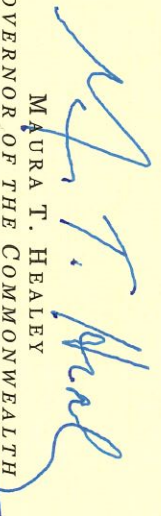
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
do hereby proclaim the month of October 2025, to be,

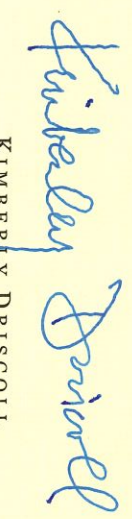
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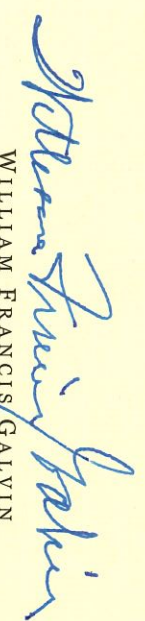
*And urge all the residents of the Commonwealth to take
Cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.*

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


KIMBERLY DRISCOLL
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH


WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts