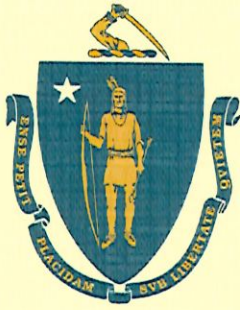


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



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 online 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, using mobile devices and other internet-connected devices safely, and being aware of potentially dangerous websites are tools to can protect from phishing, viruses, hacking, ransomware, other types of malware, financial loss and loss of sensitive data; and

Whereas, Through the multiagency Massachusetts Cyber Incident Response Team (MA-CIRT), the Commonwealth continues its nation-leading, collaborative efforts to strengthen preparedness for, response to, mitigation of, and recovery from significant cybersecurity threats; and

Whereas, the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security continues to strengthen the Commonwealth's cybersecurity through strategic investments and programs, including the 24/7 Commonwealth Security Operations Center; cybersecurity awareness training and simulated phishing exercises for executive branch employees; no-cost cybersecurity awareness training and cybersecurity health checks for municipalities through the Office of Municipal and School Technology; the annual Cyber351 Municipal Cybersecurity Forum; and a comprehensive vulnerability management program to identify and mitigate risks across Commonwealth IT infrastructure, applications, systems, and services; and

Whereas, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security protects Massachusetts' by vital information sharing, investigating cybercrime, developing interagency response plans, preparing for cyber disasters, enhancing the Massachusetts Cybersecurity Incident Response Team (MA-CIRT), and frequently updating the best practices to ensure a more cyber-resilient Commonwealth; and

Whereas, Massachusetts Cybersecurity Month 2026 theme of "Building a Cyber-Strong Massachusetts," features cybersecurity-focused events hosted by the MassCyberCenter to underscore the State's shared commitment to strengthening cybersecurity awareness, resilience, and collaboration across communities, businesses, and government; and

Whereas, The Healey-Driscoll administration takes cyber security awareness very seriously, securing more than \$14.5 million in funding to manage and reduce systemic cyber risks, enhance the security of critical infrastructure, and improve the resilience of the services provided to their respective communities; and

Whereas, In recognition of this, the 23rd year of Cybersecurity Awareness Month, all citizens are encouraged to learn about cybersecurity to reduce online risks; and

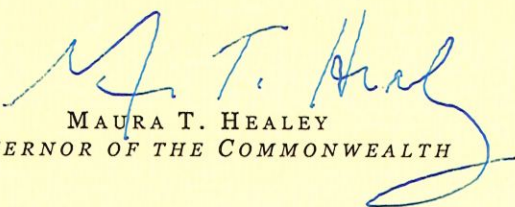
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2026, to be,

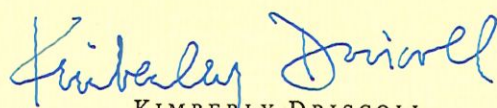
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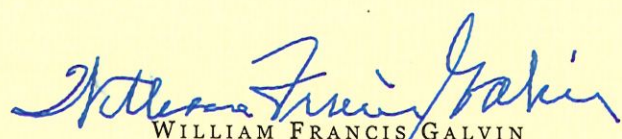
And urge all the residents of the Commonwealth to take Cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of October, in the year two thousand and twenty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fiftieth.

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