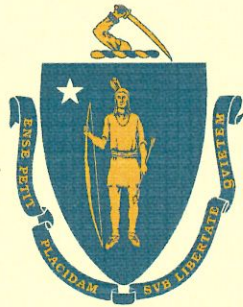


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) ranks vaccination among the most significant public health achievements of the 20th century; and

Whereas, Vaccines are an exceptionally safe method to prevent disease, as they are thoroughly tested before licensing and carefully monitored to ensure safety; and

Whereas, Vaccines have eradicated smallpox and diseases such as polio and rubella have been eliminated in this country, thanks to vaccines; and

Whereas, Vaccines can prevent cancers caused by Hepatitis B and human papillomavirus (HPV), as well as devastating infections that can lead to pneumonia, encephalitis, and life-long disabilities; and

Whereas, Young children and older adults are particularly vulnerable to vaccine-preventable diseases until they can be fully immunized; and

Whereas, Massachusetts will encourage that all vaccines for children due or overdue should be administered according to the recommended American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) immunization schedule; and

Whereas, Massachusetts will work to increase COVID-19, influenza, pneumonia, and respiratory syncytial virus vaccination rates to ease unnecessary burdens on healthcare systems and comorbidities during the upcoming respiratory illness season; and

Whereas, The state of Massachusetts strives to protect all its residents, both young and old, from preventable diseases,

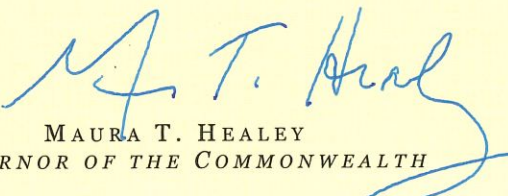
*Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
do hereby proclaim August 2026, to be,*

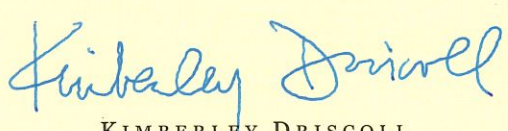
MASSACHUSETTS IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

*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 August, 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


KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH


WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts