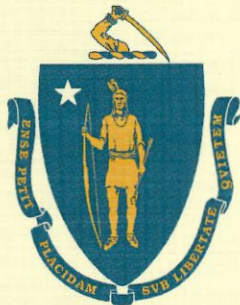


# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

*Whereas, Throughout history, Americans of many religions and belief systems have lifted up heartfelt prayers for hope and strength; and*

*Whereas, From the first prayer of our Continental Congress in 1774, to the opening of every session of the House of Representatives and Senate, and throughout hearts and homes across America, the practice of prayer is utilized to seek guidance, wisdom, power, protection and provision that has preserved hope and united us as one nation under God; and*

*Whereas, A National Day of Prayer was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775 and was established as a Public Law in 1952 by a Congressional Joint Resolution and then again by President Reagan in 1988, affirming the importance of prayer for our nation. It directs the President of the United States to set aside and proclaim the first Thursday of May annually as a National Day of Prayer; and*

*Whereas, In Massachusetts, and across America, the observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 1st, 2025, with the theme, "Pour Out to the God of Hope and Be Filled" based on the verse in Roman 15:13 that is a prayer and a promise, "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit;" and*

*Whereas, On National Day of Prayer, we not only express our faith and exercise our freedom in prayer, but unite our hearts and voices in personal prayer and public gatherings and give thanks for our blessings, love, and connection with those around us,*

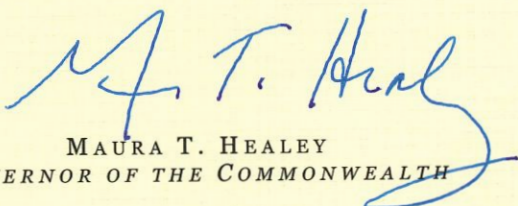
*Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
do hereby proclaim May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 to be,*

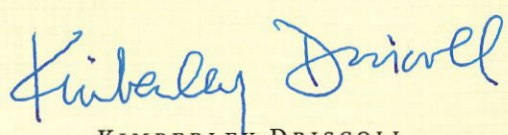
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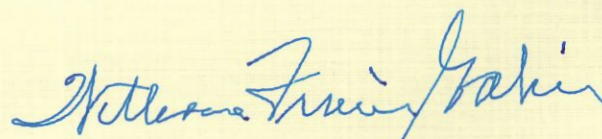
*And urge all the residents of the Commonwealth to take  
cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.*

*Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of May, in the year two thousand and twenty-five,  
and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-eighth.*

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*