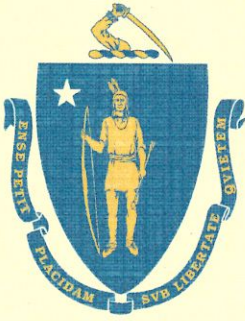


# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

Whereas, Direct support professionals, direct care workers, personal assistants, personal attendants, in-home support workers, and paraprofessionals are the primary providers of publicly-funded long term supports and services for millions of individuals; and

Whereas, A direct support professional must build a close, trusted relationship with an individual with disabilities and assist that individual on a daily basis with their most intimate needs; and

Whereas, A direct support professional provides essential support to help keep an individual with disabilities connected to their family and their community; and

Whereas, Direct support professionals enable individuals with disabilities to live meaningful, productive lives and avoid more costly institutional care; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth recognizes the important role direct support professionals play in improving the quality of life and care of people across Massachusetts,

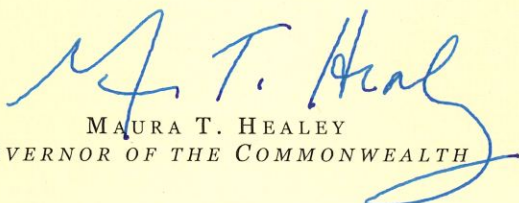
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim September 10<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to be,

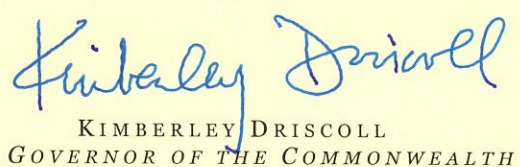
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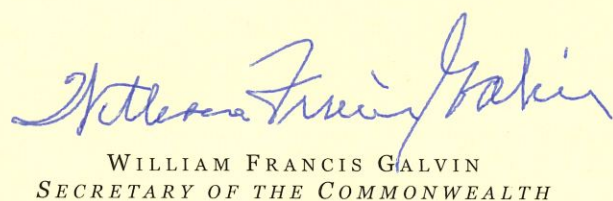
*And urge all the residents of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.*

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

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*