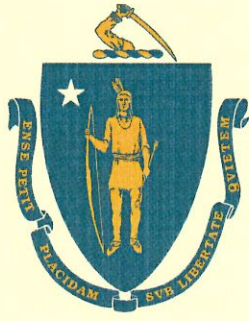


# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## 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 gatherings of our Founding Fathers, elected officials have prayed and entreated those they serve and represent to join them in prayer, with the authors of our Declaration of Independence writing that they, the Representatives of the United States of America, appeal to the "Supreme Judge of the world" and ask for continued guidance, mercy, and protection; 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, with the theme, "Lift up the Word - Light up the World," providing the opportunity for people across Massachusetts and across the world to share good will with others; 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,*

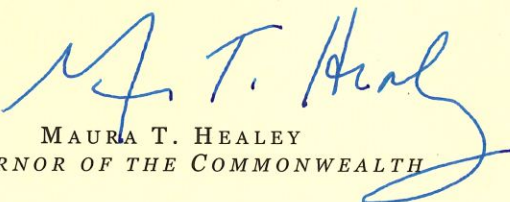
*Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 to be,*

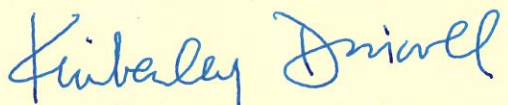
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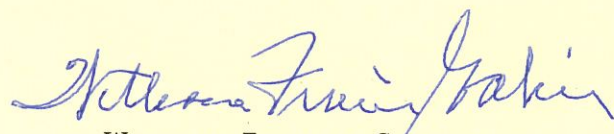
*And urge all the resident of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.*

*Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this second day of May, in the year two thousand and twenty-four, 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*