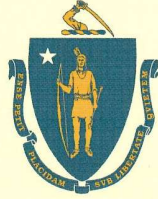


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, The strength of a community increases when relationships and connectivity is rooted in respect, trust and value for one another; and

Whereas, The bond between neighbors fosters a sense of belonging, security and unity within our neighborhoods; and

Whereas, The state of Massachusetts recognizes the importance of cultivating positive neighborly relations to create vibrant and thriving communities; and

Whereas, The Surgeon General of the United States has declared loneliness and social isolation a national public health crisis and issued an Advisory to address loneliness and social isolation; and

Whereas, The Massachusetts Coalition to Build Community and End Loneliness is working to ensure all residents of the Commonwealth feel connected to their community and enjoy a strong sense of social health; and

Whereas, National Good Neighbor Day, observed annually on September 28th, reminds us that our individual and collective well-being requires a commitment from each of us to take small steps to build social connections in our communities; and

Whereas, Good Neighbor Day provides an opportunity for residents to celebrate and appreciate the invaluable contributions of good neighbors to the well-being of our society and all residents are encouraged to join in this celebration by reaching out to their neighbors, extending acts of kindness and goodwill, and fostering stronger bonds within our communities,

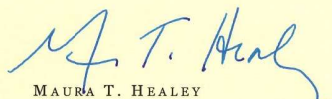
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim September 28th, 2024, to be,


MASSACHUSETTS GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY


And urge all 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-four, 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