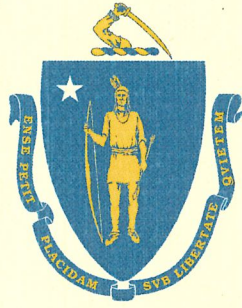


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, Prostate cancer is the most common major malignancy, striking as many as one in nine American men, and is the second-most-lethal cancer afflicting Massachusetts men; and

Whereas, Prostate cancer represents a major health care disparity; it is two and a half times more lethal in Black men compared with non-Hispanic white men; and

Whereas, While prostate cancer is curable when detected early, 690 Massachusetts men are expected to die from prostate cancer in 2021, while 5,290 new cases will be diagnosed in the Commonwealth according to the American Cancer Society; and

Whereas, The Governor of Massachusetts is calling on the state's medical experts, advocacy and grassroots organizations to continue to lead the charge in creating and expanding a new model of national and global leadership in prostate cancer awareness, education and research. This leadership makes possible cutting-edge, evidence-based strategies for precision screening, diagnosis and treatment from our world-leading hospitals to all men in our state and end health care disparities,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim February 25, 2021, to be,

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS DAY

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

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this tenth day of February, in the year two thousand and twenty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fourth.

BY HIS EXCELLENCE

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in blue ink.

KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in blue ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts