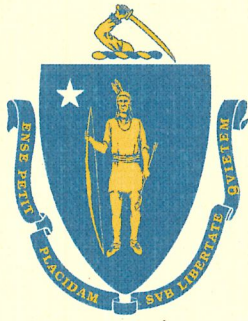


# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

*Whereas, Prostate cancer is the most common major malignancy, striking as many as one in eight 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, 700 Massachusetts men are expected to die from prostate cancer in 2022, while 5,670 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 March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, 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 first day of March, in the year two thousand and twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fifth.*

BY HIS EXCELLENCE

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Charles Baker".

CHARLES D. BAKER  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Karyn E. Polito".

KARYN E. POLITO  
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "William Francis Galvin".

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

*God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*