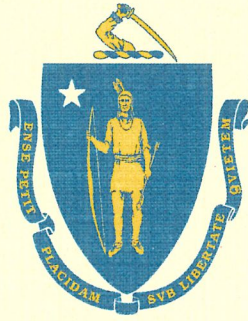


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, Pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers in producing much of our food supply; and

Whereas, Pollination plays a vital role in the health of our forests and meadows, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and

Whereas, Pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

Whereas, The State of Massachusetts has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as State forests and meadows for decades; and

Whereas, The State of Massachusetts provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands; and

Whereas, The State of Massachusetts helps assist in the sustainability of honey bee health in Massachusetts; and

Whereas, Everyone has a role to play in expanding and protecting native habitat for pollinators by joining the Commonwealth's Growing Wild Movement,

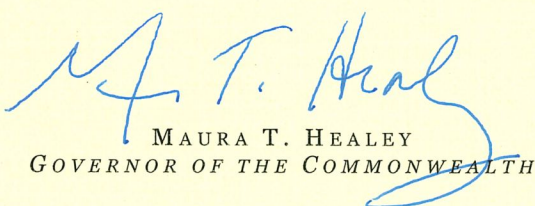
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim June 19th to June 25th, 2023, to be,

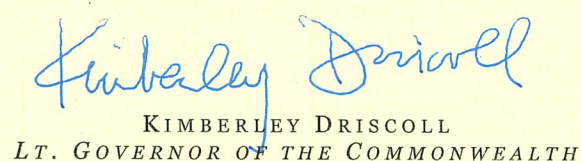
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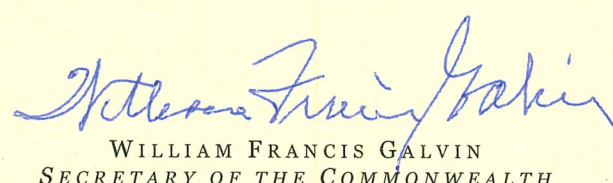
And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

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

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