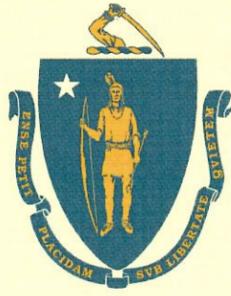


# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

*Whereas, Since the Commonwealth's earliest days, thousands of men and women have served our country in defense of freedom and liberty; and*

*Whereas, On November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1918, after four years of conflict, the Armistice was signed in the Forest of Compiègne by the Allied Nations and Germany, ending World War I --"The War to End All Wars"; and*

*Whereas, Since that day, every November, people from around the nation have gathered to honor our veterans; and*

*Whereas, In November 2024, the world will commemorate the 106<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armistice that ended the fighting in World War I at 11:00 a.m., November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1918 - the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month; and*

*Whereas, There are approximately 300,000 veterans living in Massachusetts; and*

*Whereas, In recognition of the sacrifices made by those who have served our great nation, Massachusetts remains committed to supporting its veteran community through the HERO Act - Honoring, Empowering, and Recognizing Our Servicemembers and Veterans; and*

*Whereas, Today we are reminded of the great sacrifices and contributions our veterans have made to our country; and*

*Whereas, We honor and salute those who served our country throughout the generations with honor, patriotism and courage; and*

*Whereas, It is appropriate that all Massachusetts residents remember the bravery of those who served their country, so that their dedication and sacrifices serve as a reminder of the cost of our freedom,*

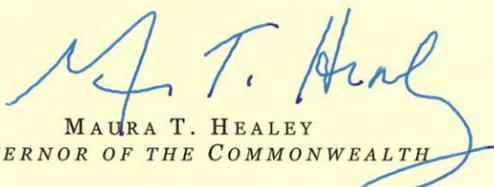
*Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to be,*

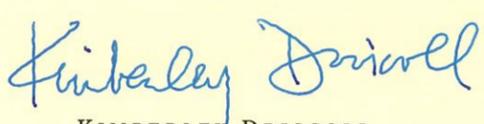
## VETERANS DAY

*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 eleventh day of November, 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*