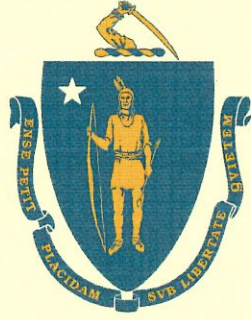


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, Childhood grief has a profound impact on children, teenagers, their families and communities; and

Whereas, Massachusetts is committed to supporting grieving children, teenagers and their families, during the most challenging times; and

Whereas, 1 in 12 children in the United States will experience the life-altering loss of a parent or sibling by the age of 18; and

Whereas, November is an appropriate time of year to focus on supporting children, as the holiday season can be especially challenging for those who have lost a loved one; and

Whereas, This month of awareness signifies the need for community members to engage with children in discussing their feelings, promoting simple tools to broach the hard topic of grief and show that together we can navigate trauma; and

Whereas, Children's Grief Awareness Month encourages people to recognize the need to support children and their families, and to become more grief-informed, making compassion and understanding the norm,

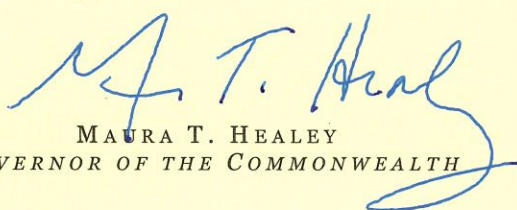
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim November 2024 to be,

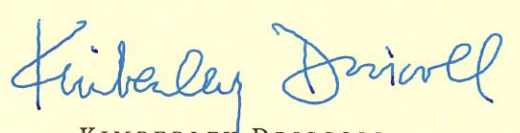
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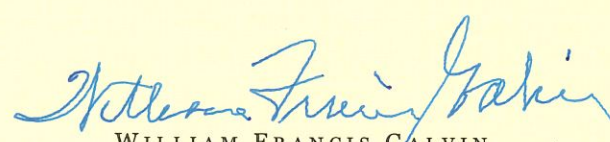
And urge all residents of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of 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