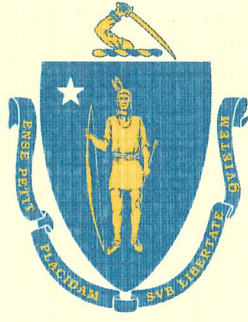


# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

Whereas, Multiple chemical sensitivity is a condition caused by exposure to toxic chemicals, and other irritants in the environment, that causes affected individuals to suffer such symptoms as chronic fatigue, muscle and joint pains, rashes, asthma, short-term memory loss, headaches and other respiratory and neurological problems; and

Whereas, With no known cure, multiple chemical sensitivity can cause major financial, employment housing, health and social consequences for individuals and families; and

Whereas, Multiple chemical sensitivity is recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Social Security Administration, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Environmental Protection Agency, and other state and national government agencies and commissions; and

Whereas, With the necessary support, understanding, accommodations, and information, individuals with multiple chemical sensitivity can enjoy access to work, schooling, public facilities and other surroundings where they can continue to contribute their skills, knowledge, and creativity to their communities,

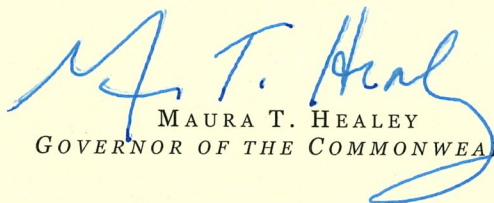
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim May 7<sup>th</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to be,

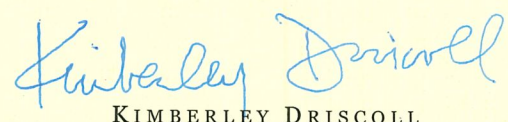
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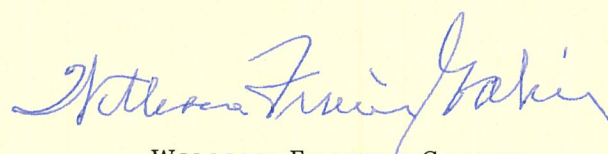
And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

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