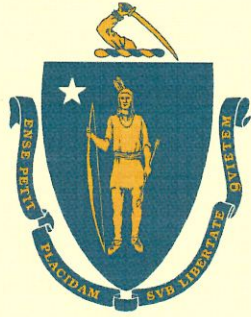


# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

Whereas, Prostate cancer is the most common major malignancy in men, affecting 1 in 8 American men during their lifetime, and is the second leading cause of cancer death in Massachusetts men; and

Whereas, Inequities in prostate cancer mortality exist, with Black non-Hispanic men being almost 2 times more likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer than White non-Hispanic men and the prostate cancer mortality rate among Black non-Hispanic men being more than double that of White non-Hispanic men; and

Whereas, While prostate cancer is curable when detected early, 700 Massachusetts men are expected to die in 2024, according to American Cancer Society; and

Whereas, Massachusetts commends the state's medical experts, advocacy and grassroots organizations for their continued leadership 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,

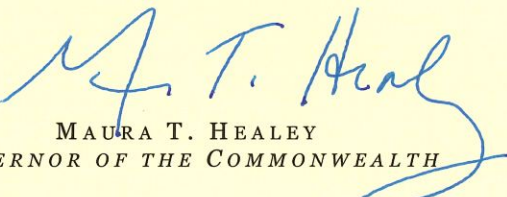
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to be,


## PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS 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 twenty-eighth day of March, in the year two thousand and twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-seventh.

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