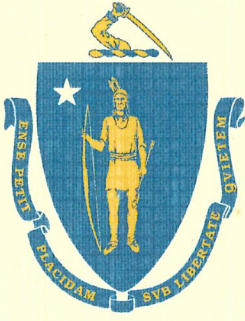


# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

*Whereas, Throughout Massachusetts, individuals, families, and communities have been experiencing a public health epidemic related to opioids, alcohol, and other drugs; and*

*Whereas, It is time to end a drug epidemic taking the lives of at least 5 people every day; and*

*Whereas, We know, addiction is a chronic but treatable disease and recovery is possible with the support of a seamless continuum of care where all can get the right help at the right time; and*

*Whereas, We seek to continue to build a recovery-informed society where recovery becomes a societal "norm" and prevention a societal "given"; and*

*Whereas, It is time to spread the word that the Commonwealth supports Narcan, a medicine that reverses what could be a fatal opioid overdose; and*

*Whereas, It is time to recognize the expanding peer recovery support services such as recovery centers and recovery coaches, within a growing network of recovery community organizations; and*

*Whereas, It is important to recognize that prescription monitoring is about saving lives, and all healthcare professionals will seize the opportunity to use it for a better tomorrow; and*

*Whereas, We honor the individuals in recovery, families and friends, who educate the public about the value of recovery and its multiple pathways; and*

*Whereas, It is crucial for all Bay State residents to move towards a Commonwealth where addiction is treated as a significant public health issue and recovery is recognized as valuable to all our communities,*

*Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim September, 2022, to be,*

## MASSACHUSETTS RECOVERY MONTH

*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 twenty-seventh day of September, in the year two thousand and twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-sixth.*

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in blue ink.

KARYN E. POLITO  
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in blue ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

*God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*