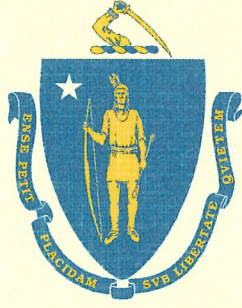


# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

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

*Whereas, On November 11th, 1918, 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," after four years of conflict; and*

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

*Whereas, There are approximately 388,000 veterans living in Massachusetts; 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 citizens 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; and*

*Whereas, In November 2020, the world will commemorate the 102nd anniversary of the Armistice that ended the fighting in World War I at 11:00 a.m., November 11, 1918 - the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month,*

*Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to be,*

## VETERANS DAY

*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 eleventh day of November, in the year two thousand and twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fourth.*

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*