

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, According to the CDC, 1 in 7 women have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy; and
Whereas, Infertility affects women, men and people of all gender identities equally and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status or socioeconomic level; and

Whereas, The LGBTQ+ community also faces fertility challenges when building their families; and

Whereas, Some people become infertile after medical treatment for another condition, most often chemotherapy or radiation for cancer; and

Whereas, Family building options also include adoption and medical treatment, such as in vitro fertilization and third-party reproduction; and

Whereas, Cost and lack of insurance coverage are barriers for many to access the family building option they need; and

Whereas, Infertility can deeply impact a person's emotional and mental health, generating feelings of confusion, sadness, anger and grief; and

Whereas, Raising awareness of infertility and addressing the social stigma and the barriers that families can face is the first step to creating a more supportive, compassionate and inclusive environment for anyone looking to start a family; and

Whereas, Massachusetts supports the dedicated advocates, health care professionals, and members of the infertility and family building community in spreading infertility awareness,

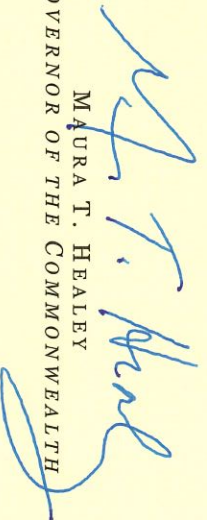
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim
April 19th-25th, 2026, to be,

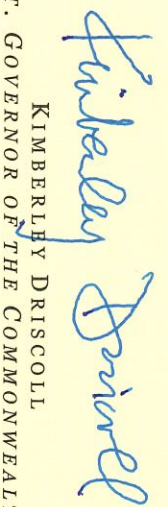
INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

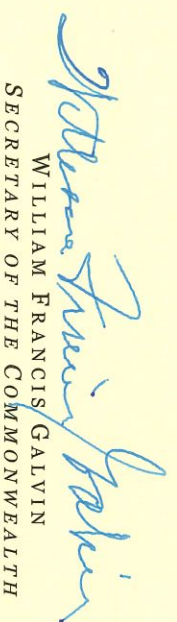
*And urge all the residents of the Commonwealth to take
cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.*

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twentieth day of April, in the year two thousand and twenty-six, and of
the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-ninth.

BY HER EXCELLENCY


MAURA T. HEALEY
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH


KIMBERLY DRISCOLL
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH


WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts