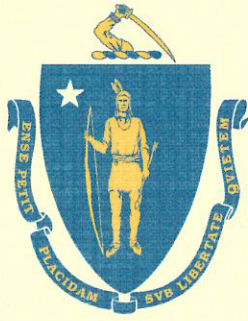


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, The seafood industry is critical to the food security of Massachusetts and the work of commercial fishers is responsible for the consumption of millions of healthy meals annually; and

Whereas, The harvesting, selling and consumption of seafood is the foundation of a multi-billion-dollar-a-year industry in Massachusetts with multiple sectors of the seafood industry supporting over 130,000 jobs within the state; and

Whereas, Those jobs include commercial fishers, lobster harvesters, clam diggers, oyster farmers, boat builders and repairers, mechanics, marina managers, dockworkers, gear suppliers and repairers, fuel sellers, truckers, wholesalers, marketers, processors, restaurant owners, chefs, wait staff, restaurant business managers and more; and

Whereas, Massachusetts is most fortunate to be home to a wide diversity of prized species, including cod, flounder, haddock, pollock, whiting, squid, tuna, swordfish, hake, monkfish, dogfish, skate, redfish, fluke, striped bass, lobster, scallop, clam, mussel, oyster, conch and crab; and

Whereas, The vibrancy, history, tradition, culture, diversity and strength of our coastal communities is enhanced by the existence of working water fronts within our coastal communities; and

Whereas, Our fishers risk their lives amongst untold dangers at sea to bring residents the best natural source of protein in the world - seafood; and

Whereas, Fishers represent attributes we, within the great State of Massachusetts, admire and seek to emulate; courage, resilience, self-reliance, fearlessness and resourcefulness; and

Whereas, The State of Massachusetts has a collective interest in promoting the health, safety and economic security of our commercial fishers and their families,

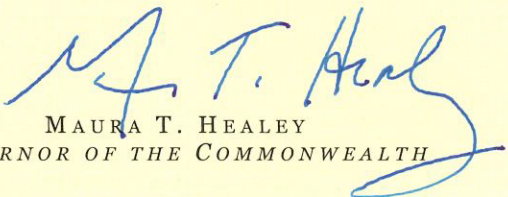
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 25th, 2023, to be,

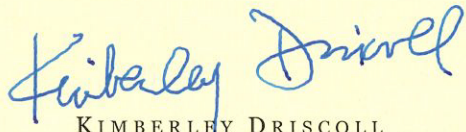
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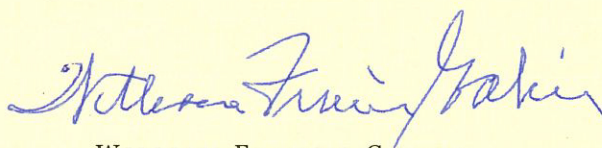
And urge all residents of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twenty fifth day of October, in the year two thousand and twenty-three, 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