

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas Polio is a highly infectious disease which targets the nervous system and can cause paralysis; and

Whereas There is no treatment for polio, but the disease can be prevented through vaccination; and

Whereas In 1988 the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched with the goal of preventing polio worldwide and since then polio cases have been reduced by 99 percent; and

Whereas The widespread use of the polio virus vaccine has eliminated the disease in most countries in the world; and

Whereas Tremendous progress has been made since 1988, however, pockets of the polio virus remain leaving unvaccinated children at risk; and

Whereas The eradication of polio throughout the world would be an extremely significant and beneficial achievement for the world's people,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the month of October 24,th 2015, to be,

WORLD POLIO 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 Ninth Day of October, in the year two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in black ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in black ink.

KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in black ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts