The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

A Proclamation

Whereas More than 5 million Americans are diagnosed with skin cancer each year, making it the most common cancer diagnosed in the United States; and

Whereas One American dies every forty-five minutes from skin cancer; and

Whereas The Surgeon General has issued a Call to Action to Prevent Skin Cancer; and

Whereas The National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention has designated the Friday before Memorial Day as "Don't Fry Day" to encourage sun safety awareness and to remind everyone to protect their skin while enjoying the outdoors; and

Whereas The most common types of skin cancer including melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, are strongly associated with exposure to UV radiation (sunlight and indoor sources); and

Whereas Individuals can take steps to reduce their risk of developing skin cancer by being SunAWARE.™ Sun protection helps prevent the harmful effects of UV exposure, including sunburn, skin cancer, premature skin aging, and eye damage,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim May 26th, 2017, to be,

Massachusetts Don't Fry 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 First Day of May, in the year two thousand and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-first.

By His Excellency

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts