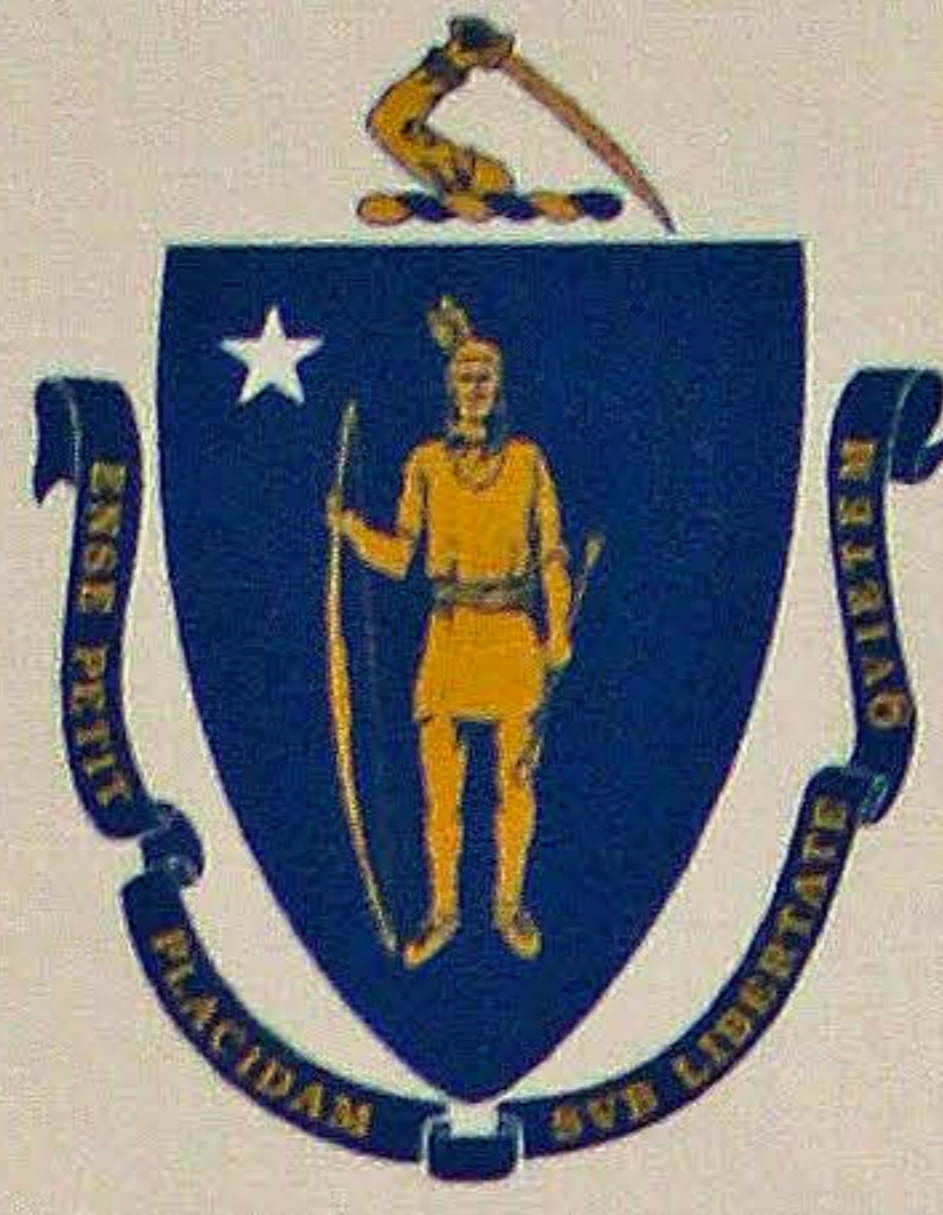


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, Sepsis is the body's overwhelming and life-threatening response to infection that can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death; and

Whereas, Sepsis is the leading cause of death in hospitals, and among the top reasons for hospitalization and hospital readmissions in the United States; and

Whereas, More than 40,000 residents in the Commonwealth each year are diagnosed with sepsis and countless more family members are affected by sepsis; and

Whereas, More than 40% of people have never heard of sepsis and fewer than 1% recognize its symptoms; and

Whereas, Anyone can get sepsis, but that elderly residents, those with multiple chronic conditions and infants are at higher risk of being diagnosed with sepsis; and

Whereas, Until a cure for sepsis is found, early detection is the surest hope for survival and limiting disability for survivors; and

Whereas, Not only during the month of September, but throughout the entire year, it is important that we continue to spread awareness of this medical condition across our Commonwealth in hopes of preventing future suffering,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim September 13th 2018, to be,

SEPSIS AWARENESS 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 thirteenth day of September, in the year two thousand and eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-second.

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