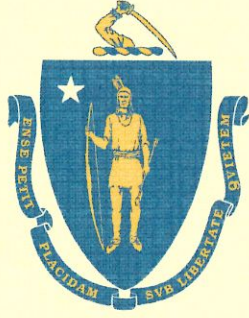


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, More than 9 million Americans suffer from gout, the most common form of inflammatory arthritis, caused by uric acid build-up in the joints; and

Whereas, Gout is a chronic disease characterized by sudden and excruciatingly painful attacks; and

Whereas, Gout impacts a patient's workplace, community, and daily quality of life; and

Whereas, Black Americans are two to three times more likely to develop gout than White Americans and are less likely to be prescribed urate-lowering medications or receive ongoing, routine provider care; and

Whereas, Asian Americans and Asian Pacific Islanders are also at an increased risk of gout; and

Whereas, Stigma, lack of awareness, and misinformation may hinder treatment for gout; and

Whereas, Heightening public awareness can reduce the unfair stigma people with gout experience and empower patients to seek quality care and timely treatment,

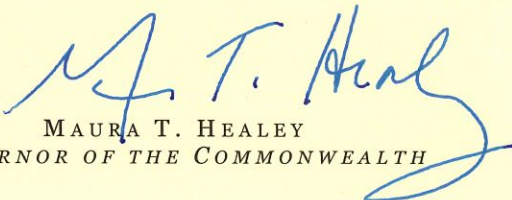
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim May 22nd, 2024, to be,


GOUT AWARENESS DAY

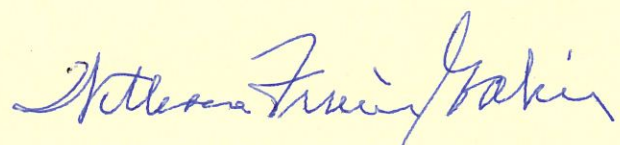
And urge all the residents of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of May, in the year two thousand and twenty-four, 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