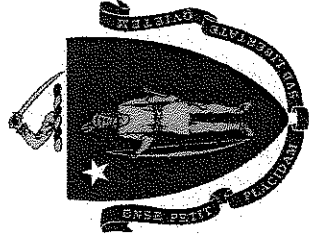


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, Murder victims are loved and grieved by mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sons, daughters, husbands, wives, partners, grandparents, aunts, uncles, extended family members, friends, neighbors, classmates, and colleagues across the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, All families of murder victims deserve to be treated with dignity and compassion; and

Whereas, Surviving family members need coordinated, compassionate, and consistent support and services in the immediate aftermath of a murder and ongoing opportunities for healing in the months and years afterward; and

Whereas, Survivors of homicide victims experience overwhelming grief, and isolation, and despair especially during the holiday season; and

Whereas, Survivors of homicide victims want to remember and honor their loved one's lives regardless of the circumstances surrounding their death; and

Whereas, Survivors of homicide victims are using their tragedies to inform, influence, and impact public policy so that all living children can grow up in a safe, peaceful community; and

Whereas, Survivors and the providers who serve them use the 7 Principles of Peace (Love, Unity, Faith, Hope, Courage, Justice, and Forgiveness) as a foundation to guide them on their journey toward healing; and

Whereas, The leadership of survivors of homicide victims is essential to interrupting cycles of retaliatory violence and promoting peace in our state; and

Whereas, Survivor-led initiatives across the Commonwealth are transforming the way society responds to homicide,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim November 20th - December 20th, 2019, to be,

SURVIVORS OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS AWARENESS MONTH

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 November, in the year two thousand and nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-third.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Charles D. Baker

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Karyn E. Polito

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LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts