The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

A Proclamation

Whereas, The estimated number of people with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) living in the United States is approximately 299,000 persons, with a range from 253,000 to 378,000; and

Whereas, Every year, approximately 400 people sustain a non-fatal spinal cord injury in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

Whereas, Spinal cord injuries can occur as a result of motor vehicle accidents, violence, falls, sport, and occupational accidents; and

Whereas, These injuries can cause a variety of disabilities, ranging from quadriplegia, a loss of movement and sensation in both the arms and legs, to paraplegia, the loss of movement and sensation in the lower body, to less severe restrictions of mobility and sensation; and

Whereas, Through public awareness, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts seeks to minimize the devastating effects of spinal cord injuries among all Massachusetts citizens, continuing throughout the time they receive Social Security benefits,

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

SPINAL CORD INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

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 September, in the year two thousand and twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-eighth.

By Her Excellency

M. T. Healey

Maura T. Healey
Governor of the Commonwealth

Kimberley Driscoll

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Lt. Governor of the Commonwealth

William Francis Galvin

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Secretary of the Commonwealth

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts