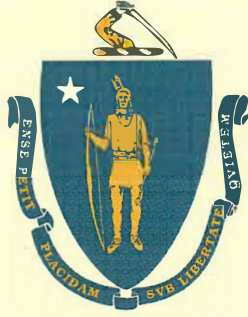


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, Each year, Massachusetts faces catastrophic events such as hurricanes, flooding, tornadoes, and other natural disasters, all of which carry the potential to cause serious damage - or, even worse, total destruction - to private property and homes; and

Whereas, Following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to predatory practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently inflating repair or rebuilding costs; and

Whereas, Predatory practices by nefarious contractors ultimately increase costs for consumers by driving up insurance premiums and forcing insurers to reevaluate risk; and

Whereas, It is imperative that an effective public outreach campaign highlight the various types of contractor fraud schemes to help educate consumers on how to identify and avoid such schemes; and

Whereas, The National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages Massachusettsans to get at least three written estimates, check contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process when hiring a contractor; and

Whereas, The National Insurance Crime Bureau, in collaboration with its local and state partners in Massachusetts, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, are committed to educating Massachusettsans about predatory practices by dishonest contractors; and

Whereas, Residents of Massachusetts are encouraged to become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the various programs during the fourth annual Contractor Fraud Awareness Week,

Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim May 20th through 24th, 2024, to be,

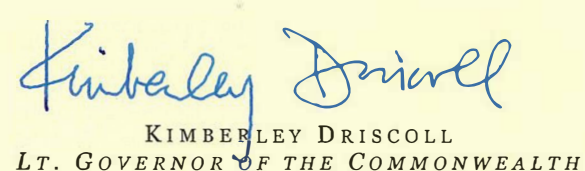
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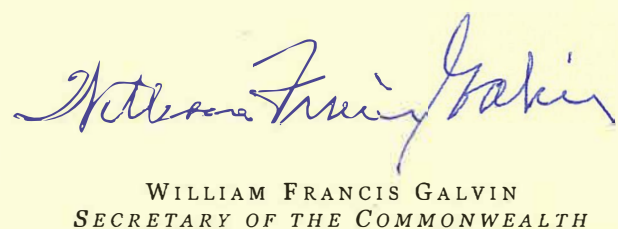
And urge all the residents of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

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