

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

Whereas, According to the Center for Disease Control, the maternal mortality rate for 2021 was 32.9 deaths per 100,000 live births, compared with a rate of 23.8 in 2020 and 20.1 in 2019. Among wealthy nations, the United States has the highest rate of maternal mortality; and

Whereas, Amniotic Fluid Embolism (AFE) is a leading cause of maternal mortality affecting 2 to 8 per 100,000 births; and

Whereas, An AFE is thought to be the result of an allergic-like reaction to the amniotic fluid or fetal cells that have entered the mother's circulatory system during childbirth, a normal part of the birth process; and

Whereas, AFE Foundation, working in collaboration with key stakeholders in Massachusetts, provides meaningful education and life-saving skills to properly prepare healthcare providers to manage and treat patients, to increase lives saved, and to gain submissions to the AFE Registry and Biorepository; and

Whereas, Awareness of AFE and commensurate data collection and research will promote understanding of this disorder, expanding the search for an effective treatment and accelerating the increased number of lives saved,

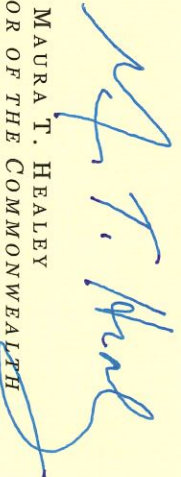
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to be,

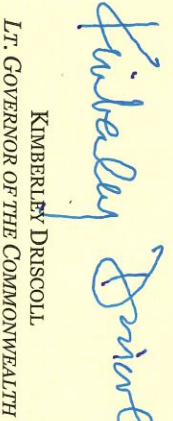
## AMNIOTIC FLUID EMBOLISM AWARENESS DAY

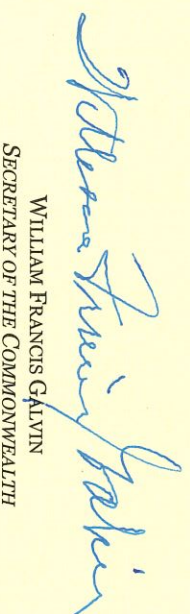
And urge all residents of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twenty-seventh day of March, in the year two thousand and twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-eighth.

BY HER EXCELLENCY

  
MAURA T. HEALEY  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

  
KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL  
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GAVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts