

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

Whereas, Quality, cost-effective and accessible patient-centered healthcare, provided by PAs (physician assistants) contributed to the well-being and quality of life for all patients of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

Whereas, PAs are academically and clinically prepared medical professionals who diagnose illness, develop and manage treatment plans, and often serve as a patient's principle healthcare provider; and

Whereas, PAs are often the first point of contact for many patients and play a vital role in helping them understand their medical needs and empower them to become effective advocates for their own health; and

Whereas, A valuable asset to the medical team, PAs enhance the delivery of high quality healthcare for patients, often in medically underserved and rural areas; and

Whereas, PAs have earned the respect of the general public for their dedication and contributions to people's lives and for their commitment to team-based care and ensure delivery of effective and efficient healthcare services; and

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 6<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, to be,

### PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS WEEK

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 October, 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

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in cursive.

CHARLES D. BAKER  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in cursive.

KARYN E. POLITO  
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in cursive.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts