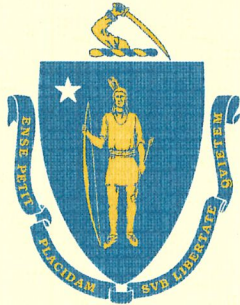# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

A Proclamation

Whereas, Annuities provide a safe alternative for individuals who want a predictable way to meet immediate, ongoing, and future financial obligations and objectives; and

Whereas, Surveys consistently indicate that the vast majority of Americans are looking for a financial vehicle that provides the benefits annuities offer, specifically the ability to address the critical concern of running out of money during retirement; and

Whereas, Outliving one's retirement income creates a financial hardship that may require working additional years of employment, reduce the standard of living in retirement, defeat the fulfillment of legacy goals, or require dependence upon family and friends for monetary support; and

Whereas, Research indicates that annuity owners have a higher confidence in their overall retirement readiness; and

Whereas, Because determining what kind of an annuity to buy and when to take income is one of the most important financial decisions consumers will ever make, individuals and families can benefit greatly from the expert advice of a qualified insurance or financial services professional; and

Whereas, The goal is to educate consumers on annuity benefits, support them in considering annuities for meeting specific financial goals, and encourage them to seek professional advice for implementing annuities effectively in their income and legacy planning,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2021, to be,

ANNUITY 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 June, in the year two thousand and twenty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fourth.

By His Excellency

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts