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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito and I wish to welcome you to the 1<sup>st</sup> annual National Opioid and Substance use Awareness Day event.

This debut annual event will focus on the education, treatment, and prevention of opioid and substance misuse which has ravaged our communities across the Commonwealth. In Massachusetts alone, thousands of lives have been lost to opioid use disorder each year.

National Opioid and Substance Awareness Day will serve as a supportive community initiative to provide the public with anonymous, online opioid and substance misuse screenings, teach about signs and symptoms of opioid and substance misuse, and connect those at risk with local resources where they can receive lifesaving support and treatment.

Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito and I would like to thank each provider, community health worker, recovery coach, and sponsoring organization that has made this event possible. Please accept our best wishes for success in raising awareness for this tragic disease.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER  
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Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in blue ink.

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