

Charlie Baker to get buzzcut for charity



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Mitt Romney will step into the ring with Evander Holyfield next month. Bill Weld once dived into a Charles River that had only recently received a clean bill of health.

But perhaps no governor in recent memory has demonstrated the fearlessness, the follicular derring-do, that Charlie Baker will flash next Tuesday when he settles into a barber's chair for what sources are describing as a buzzcut for charity.

Baker will join more than 500 employees of Granite Telecommunications in Quincy for the trimming, as part of a fundraising effort on behalf of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Advisers to the governor said he consulted first with his wife, who, after learning that the overall fundraising drive is expected to net \$2.5 million for Dana-Farber, was strongly encouraging.

Current plans call for Baker to go under a #2 blade, on top as well as on the sides, which would shear the governor of the healthy part he currently sports. A youthful Baker wore his hair far longer.

Baker's predecessor, Deval Patrick, opted in 2008 for a nearly shaven pate, which Patrick chalked up to wanting a lower maintenance 'do.

Baker's isn't expected to be quite that short. "Some may describe it as extremely high and tight," communications director Tim Buckley said.

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