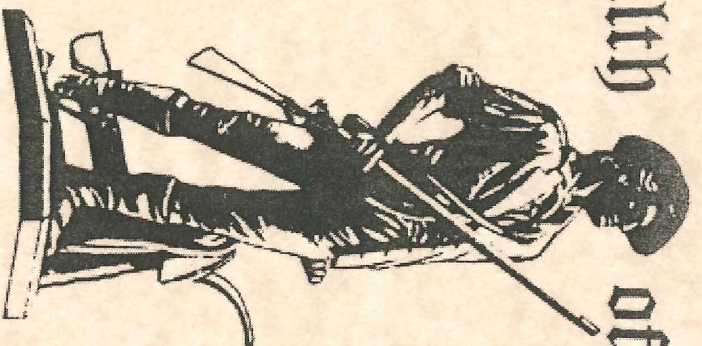


Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas Established in 1952 by Congress, the National Day of Prayer has become a treasured part of our nation's heritage of faith; and

Whereas Each American has the freedom to worship and pray as he or she desires; and

Whereas This day provides all Massachusetts citizens the opportunity to join together in prayer to give thanks for our blessings, to ask for healing, to ask God to guide our leaders and to bring peace to our nation and the world; and

Whereas "Pray for America," is the theme of this year's National Day of Prayer, inspired by Matthew 12:21, which says, "In His Name The Nation Will Put Their Hope,"

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim May 2nd, 2013, to be

MASSACHUSETTS DAY OF PRAYER

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 twelfth day of April, in the year two thousand and thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-sixth.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts