

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

- Whereas** Throughout the Commonwealth there are more than 858,000 family caregivers providing daily or frequent care of family members who are too vulnerable or disabled to sufficiently care for themselves; and
- Whereas** Family caregivers' efforts are vital to the quality of life for those they care for, including 9% of adults with disabilities and more than 34% of elders with disabilities living in Massachusetts; and
- Whereas** Through these countless efforts, thousands of the Commonwealth's citizens across the continuum are able to remain at home longer, avoiding institutional placement; and
- Whereas** These efforts can take a toll on family caregivers who often risk their own well-being resulting in physical, psychological, social and financial hardships that many accept without complaint and go unacknowledged by others; and
- Whereas** Family caregivers include: working adults and retirees caring for elderly or younger family members; parents caring for a young adult with disabilities; middle-aged or aging spouses caring for their frail spouse; family members caring for a wounded Veteran; as well as grandparents raising grandchildren; and
- Whereas** The thousands of Family Caregivers in the Commonwealth who demonstrate steadfast commitment and caring devotion to supporting elders and people with disabilities to live independently and with dignity in their homes and communities, are deserving of recognition,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim November 2012, to be

FAMILY CAREGIVERS 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 November, in the year two thousand and twelve, 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

