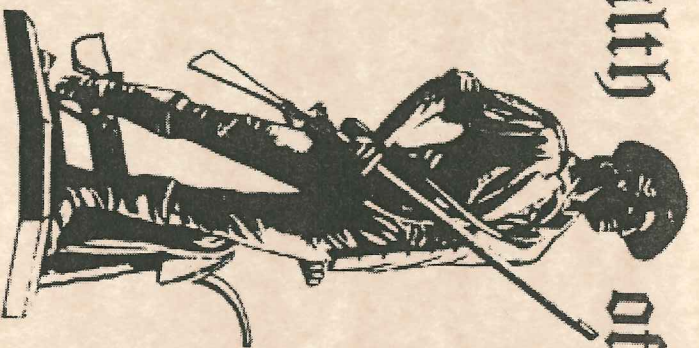


Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

- W** *heretask* On November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1918, the Armistice was signed in the Forest of Compiègne by the Allied Nations and Germany, ending World War I, "The War to End All Wars," after four years of conflict. Since that day, every November people from around the nation have gathered to honor our veterans; and
- W** *heretask* Since the Commonwealth's colonial days, thousands of men and women have served our country in defense of freedom and liberty; and
- W** *heretask* Currently, there are approximately 385,000 veterans living in Massachusetts; and
- W** *heretask* Today we are reminded of the great sacrifices and contributions our veterans have made to our country; and
- W** *heretask* We honor and salute those who served our country throughout the generations with honor, patriotism and courage; and
- W** *heretask* It is appropriate that all Massachusetts citizens remember the bravery of those who served their country, so that their dedication and sacrifices serve as a reminder of the cost of our freedom,
- Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick**, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012, to be

VETERANS DAY

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

A blue ink signature of Deval L. Patrick, written in a cursive style.

DEVAL L. PATRICK  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH



A blue ink signature of William Francis Galvin, written in a cursive style.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts