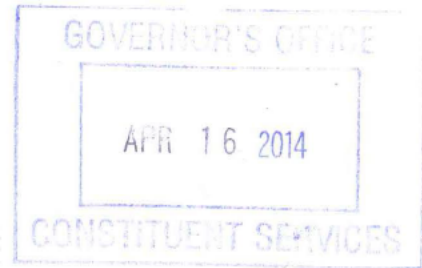




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Governor Deval Patrick  
Massachusetts State House  
Office of the Governor, Room 280  
Boston, MA 02133



Dear Governor Patrick:

On behalf of the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association (CMTA), I am writing to request a Proclamation from your office declaring Charcot-Marie-Tooth Awareness Month September 2014. This month has been designated by our Association to focus national attention on increasing public awareness of this severe medical condition that affects approximately 150,000 Americans. CMT is the most commonly inherited peripheral neuropathy affecting 1 in 2500.

Often not noticed at birth, there are many citizens who may not be diagnosed, or misdiagnosed and unaware of the slow progressive degenerative neuromuscular disorder. My son was diagnosed at 14 with an unknown type of CMT at Mass. General Hospital. He has been fundraising and speaking at schools, been on TV twice and currently has raised over \$55 thousand dollars for research and a cure. Vittorio wears leg braces to walk and pushes himself everyday to excel on his grades and sports.

Last year my son accepted the first Proclamation issued by your office and this year we are requesting a second in hopes of making a powerful impact and directing focus to this devastating disorder.

Thank you in advance for issuing a Proclamation for Charcot-Marie-Tooth Awareness Month September 2014

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