

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas Information literacy provides the tools and skills to find, evaluate, and use credible information from all sources in our constantly evolving world; and

Whereas The ability to search, find, decipher, and analyze different forms of information is a key component in effective decision-making across various financial, medical, educational and industrial fields; and

Whereas Individuals who are comfortable working with the informational resources available in the digital world are able to seek highly skilled jobs and compete at high levels in the global economy; and

Whereas Information literacy is a crucial part of education and if taught as early as the kindergarten level, will expose students to analytic and research practices that will better prepare them for changing technologies; and

Whereas Through public awareness, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts seeks to remind citizens, employers, government agencies, and institutions of the importance of information literacy for economic prosperity, social cohesion, educational opportunity, and an enhanced quality of life,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 2011, to be

MASSACHUSETTS INFORMATION LITERACY 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 twenty-first day of September, in the year two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

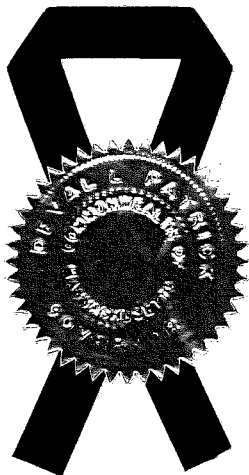
By His Excellency

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DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts