

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas In 1686, the town of Greenfield was established as a part of Deerfield, located at the eastern end of the Mohawk Trail leading to Upstate New York; and

Whereas The town of Greenfield was incorporated separately from Deerfield, and was so named both for its green pastures and for its situation at the confluence of the Deerfield and Green Rivers; and

Whereas When Franklin County was created from the northern third of Hampshire County in 1811, Greenfield was designated as the seat of that county, and has remained in position ever since; and

Whereas In 1834, John Russell established Russell Cutleries, the first cutlery factory in the United States, sparking a thriving industry in the creation of several offshoot silver and cutlery companies in the area and energizing the economy of that region; and

Whereas In 1912, the consolidation of several local tap and die companies led Greenfield to become one of the most important centers for the tap and die industry in the country and an integral part of the Allied war effort in World War II; and

Whereas In recent years, Greenfield has been lauded for its environmental initiatives, which include the planned construction of a solar farm on top of a capped landfill, which will be the largest solar installation in New England at the time of its completion; and

Whereas We congratulate the city of Greenfield and its citizens upon the 200th anniversary as the County Seat of Franklin County and extend greetings as they gather to celebrate this important milestone in their history,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim July 23rd, 2011, to be

GREENFIELD 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 nineteenth day of July, in the year two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts