

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

**W**hereas Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010, a 7.0 earthquake struck the Island of Haiti causing extraordinary devastation and significant loss of life; and

**W**hereas Massachusetts is home to a large number of Haitians and the Haitian community in Massachusetts was severely affected by this natural disaster; and

**W**hereas The Haiti Interfaith Action Network, a coalition of faith communities, community-based organizations, and campuses throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been committed to supporting Haiti and Haitian Americans in their efforts to rebuild their nation; and

**W**hereas On January 12, 2011 we pause in observance of the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the earthquake in Haiti, and remember those who perished on that day;

**N**ow, Therefore, I, **Deval L. Patrick**, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim January 12<sup>th</sup>-February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011, to be

## HAITI EARTHQUAKE REMEMBRANCE 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 sixth day of January, 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deval L. Patrick".

DEVAL L. PATRICK  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Francis Galvin".

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts