

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas Our democratic way of life is based on active civic participation by citizens who have a solid understanding of government's daily operations; and

Whereas The Commonwealth recognizes the importance of increasing students' knowledge of the operations and complexities of state government; and

Whereas Established in 1947, Student Government Day allows Massachusetts students a day to conduct proceedings at the State House in the manner of members of the General Court and other state officials; and

Whereas Student Government Day offers Massachusetts high school students the opportunity to learn firsthand how state government operates and to become more familiar with our elected officials; and

Whereas It is vital we encourage the active engagement of all high school students within their communities, in hopes that they will develop a life-long commitment to community service and government participation,

Now, Therefore, I, **Deval L. Patrick**, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim April 5th, 2013, to be,

STUDENT GOVERNMENT 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 twentieth day of March, in the year two thousand and thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-sixth.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts