

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas In 1977 George Parks was hired as the Director of the University of Massachusetts – Amherst Marching Band; and

Whereas Under George Parks' leadership, the University of Massachusetts – Amherst Marching Band, known as the Power and Class of New England, doubled in size, played at three presidential inaugurations, and won numerous awards and honors; and

Whereas His dedication to the university community and his students and his commitment to excellence in performance embodied the spirit of the University of Massachusetts; and

Whereas George Parks will also be remembered as a loving husband to Jeanne, a devoted father to Michael and Kathryn, and a friend to many; and

Whereas I have requested that the University of Massachusetts President cause the Commonwealth flag to be flown at half-staff on the University of Massachusetts - Amherst campus on this day in his honor; and

Whereas George Parks has left a lasting impact on our Commonwealth and its University,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim September 22nd, 2010, to be

GEORGE PARKS 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 twenty first day of September, in the year two thousand and ten, 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 Patrick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "P".

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts