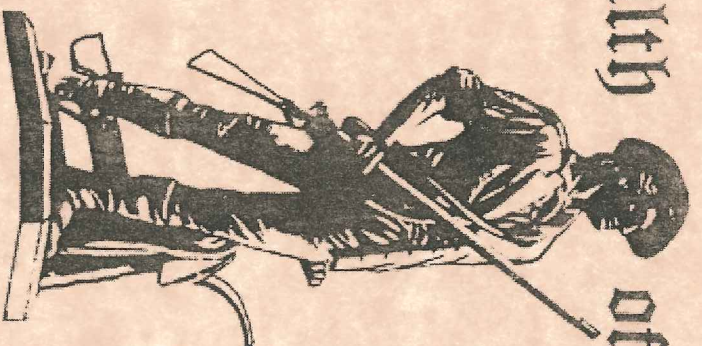


Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas The Commonwealth of Massachusetts was one of the thirteen original colonies and includes the development of early American political processes, the pioneering of American diplomacy as well as the formation of American diplomatic traditions; and

Whereas Massachusetts has a distinguished history of its residents contributing to American diplomacy from 1776 to the present such as: Benjamin Franklin the first American Minister and father of American diplomacy, John Adams the second President of United States and the first foreign minister accredited to Her Majesty's Court of St. James's and Col. William Parfrey, aide-de-camp to General George Washington and the first American diplomat to die in the line of official diplomatic duty; and

Whereas The Foreign Service as it is known today can be best attributed to the work of Representative John Jacob Rogers and other Massachusetts elected officials. Rep. John Jacob Rogers authored the 1924 U.S Foreign Service Act, Massachusetts Senator and Chair of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Henry Cabot Lodge supported the Act; and former Massachusetts Governor, President Calvin Coolidge, signed the Act into law; and

Whereas Today, the Commonwealth is the home of the nation's highest ranking diplomat, U.S. Secretary of State John F. Kerry. He follows in the footsteps of five previous U.S. Secretaries of State from Massachusetts: John Quincy Adams, Daniel Webster, Edward Everett, Richard Olney and Christian Herter; and

Whereas From 1776 to the present, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through the work of statesmen, Stateswomen and diplomats, has helped to pioneer, architect, promote and advance American statecraft, diplomacy and Foreign Service history,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim May 18th – 24th, 2014, to be,

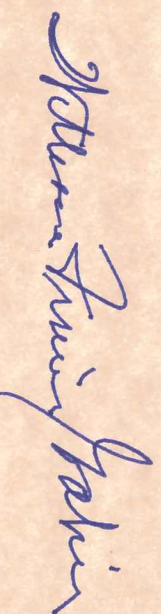
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And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

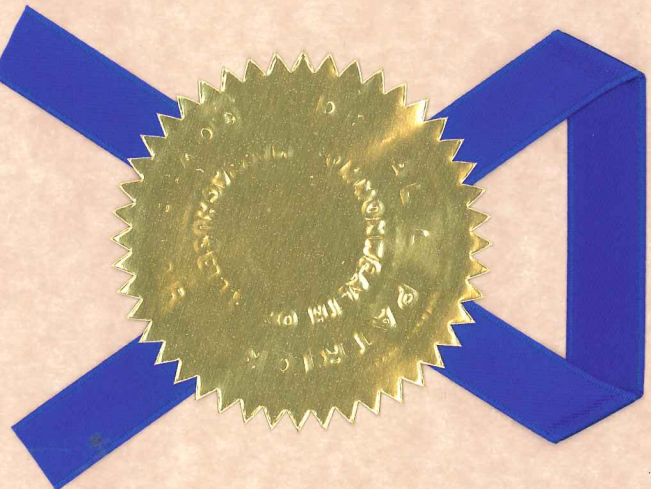
Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this eighth day of May, in the year two thousand and fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

By His Excellency


DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH



WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts