

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas One in five Massachusetts residents is over the age of fifty-five; and

Whereas Older Bay Staters are valuable members of our society and are rich with experience and deserving of our respect; and

Whereas Today's seniors live healthier, longer, more independent lives, continuing to work and volunteer well beyond the age of sixty-five, thereby contributing to the stability and well-being of their communities; and

Whereas Many seniors are caring for parents, spouses, friends and siblings and an increasing number are raising their grandchildren; and

Whereas Massachusetts is committed to providing recognition and respect that is the right of all seniors, by fostering the principles of our Aging Agenda; to increasing opportunities for seniors to remain active in their communities; offering the community-based services and supports they need to live with dignity and as independently as possible; and combating ageism by honoring their past, present and future contributions,

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

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

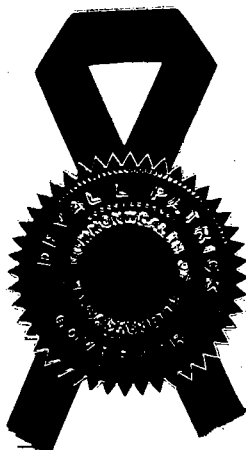
By His Excellency

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DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts