

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas In the 1640s, a collection of about 250 farmers and their families first explored Needham, named after the English Village of Needham Market; and

Whereas Needham's area prior to its founding was home to the Algonquin Native Americans for thousands of years; and

Whereas In 1681, tribal leader William Nehoiden purchased the land for 10 pound in cash, 40 shillings worth of corn, and 50 acres of land and the town was established under Governor Dudley on November 6, 1711; and

Whereas In the mid-1800s the first rail line connecting Needham to Boston was built re-establishing the town center where commerce and developing industries such as knitting mills defined the town's economy; and

Whereas In 1931, during the WWII electronic industrial boom, the construction of Route 128 encouraged further technological development in the town which included the building of one of the nation's first industrial parks in 1950; and

Whereas Needham is home to the Thanksgiving Day game against Wellesley, MA which signifies the second-longest running high school football rivalry in the United States; and

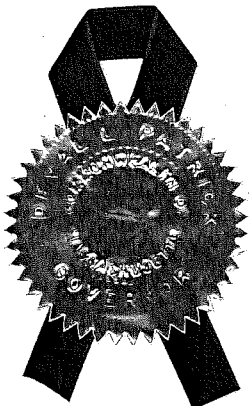
Whereas We congratulate the town of Needham and its citizens upon the 300th anniversary of its incorporation and extend greetings as they gather to celebrate this important milestone in their history,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim November 6, 2011, to be,

NEEDHAM 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-ninth day of June, 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

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts