

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

Whereas Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

Whereas There were 32,680 fires reported in Massachusetts during 2010 causing 36 civilian deaths, 2 fire-related firefighter death, 366 civilian injuries, 531 firefighter injuries and an estimated \$196 million in property damage; and

Whereas Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries caused 9,806 home fires in 2010, while smoking and electrical problems are the leading causes of home fire deaths; and

Whereas Massachusetts' first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and fire injuries through prevention and education; and

Whereas Residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

Whereas This year's theme, "It's Fire Prevention Week! Protect Your Family From Fire!" serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to stay safe from fire all year round,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 9th - 15th, 2011, to be,

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

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-fifth day of September, in the year two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

By His Excellency

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deval L. Patrick".

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Francis Galvin".

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts