

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

**Whereas** Computer technology is changing how people interact with each other and the world around them, transforming industry, creating new fields of commerce, driving innovation in all fields of science and bolstering productivity in many economic sectors; and

**Whereas** Giving students the chance to participate in high-quality computer science activities exposes them to opportunities and provides critical thinking skills that will serve them throughout their lives; and

**Whereas** All students benefit from a thorough preparation in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), including access to qualified teachers, technology, and age-appropriate curriculum needed to learn computer science; and

**Whereas** Grace Murray Hopper, whose birthday is December 9<sup>th</sup>, was one of the first females in the field of computer science, engineered new programming languages and pioneered standards for computer systems which laid the foundation for many advancements; and

**Whereas** It is appropriate that the citizens of the Commonwealth recognize the crucial role that computer science plays in transforming society,

**Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick,** Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim December 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2011, to be

## COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION 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 first day of December, 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



DEVAL L. PATRICK  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts