

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas The rivers and streams of Massachusetts have been essential to the prosperity of the Commonwealth by forming the basis of communities and sustaining their inhabitants with an ample and varied food supply; and

Whereas Rivers provide routes for commercial and social interchange, as well as lending inspiration and enjoyment to generations of philosophers, poets, artists, sportsmen and women, and citizens from all walks of life; and

Whereas The continued ecological, economic, civic, cultural and aesthetic vitality of the Commonwealth remain linked to the health and integrity of the natural infrastructure of rivers and streams; and

Whereas After centuries of enjoying the benefits of abundant water resources, the Commonwealth recognizes the importance of protecting and restoring our rivers and streams,

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

RIVERS MONTH

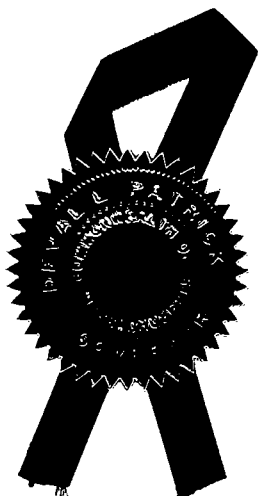
And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, twelfth 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

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts