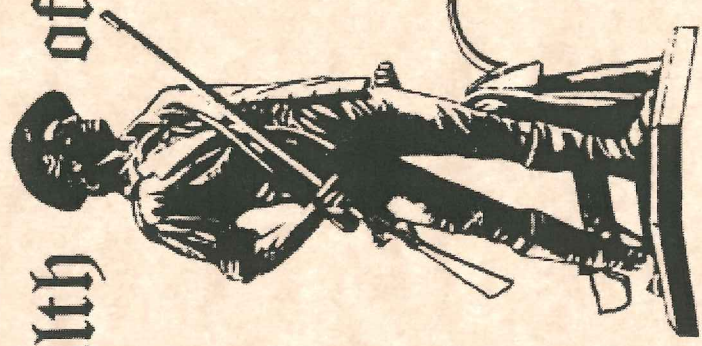


Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

- Whereas** Millions of veterans across the country have bravely defended our nation's security at home and abroad; and
- Whereas** Our men and women in uniform put their lives at risk every day, enduring hardship, suffering injuries and making the ultimate sacrifice; and
- Whereas** Our Armed Forces bring to the workplace an abundance of talent and leadership ability; and
- Whereas** The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is committed to ensuring that for all they give to our country and Commonwealth, veterans have access to employment and training opportunities; and
- Whereas** Veterans who have sustained a service connected disability are experiencing the highest unemployment rates of all our veterans; and
- Whereas** 2014 marks the 70th Anniversary of the Local Veteran Employment Program that has touched the lives of thousands of veterans across the country, and helped secure benefits, training and employment for veterans and their families,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim November 2014, to be,

HIRE A VETERAN 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 thirtieth day of October, in the year two thousand and fourteen, and of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

By His Excellency



DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts