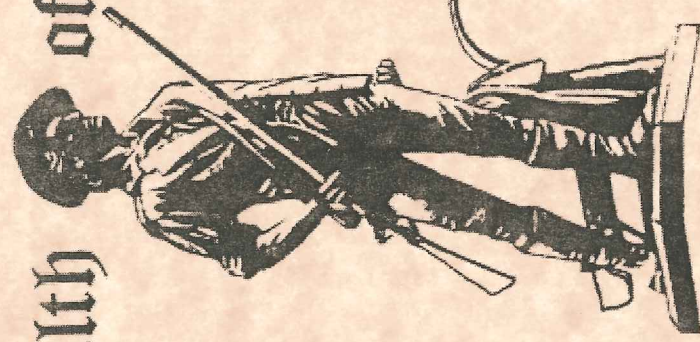


Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

- Whereas** Childhood or pediatric cancer is the second leading cause of death during childhood, exceeded only by accidents; and
- Whereas** Pediatric cancer kills more children between the ages of one and twenty than asthma, diabetes, cystic fibrosis, and AIDS combined; and
- Whereas** Nearly 18,000 children between birth and age nineteen are diagnosed with cancer each year; and
- Whereas** Pediatric cancer survival rates in the United States have increased from less than 20 percent in the 1960s to almost 80 percent today; and
- Whereas** While progress against childhood cancer has been made, cure rates for some pediatric cancers remain below 50 percent and the causes of childhood cancers are largely unknown; and
- Whereas** The Commonwealth of Massachusetts recognizes that through greater awareness, research, better diagnosis and advanced treatments we can seek to alleviate suffering caused by pediatric cancer and work towards finding a cure,

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

PEDIATRIC CANCER AWARENESS 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 nineteenth day of August, in the year two thousand and fourteen, and of the Independence 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