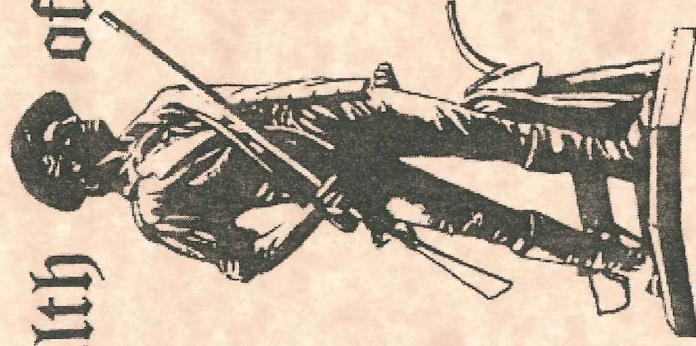


Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas America is a country founded by immigrants who continue to help contribute to the cultural and economic character of our Commonwealth and our country; and

Whereas The contributions that immigrants have made to our nation can be seen across our Commonwealth: from the Pilgrims landing at Plymouth Rock, to master architect I.M. Pei who built the Kennedy Presidential Library and other notable buildings, to the innumerable other men and women who immigrate here and have helped shape our nation; and

Whereas Despite their countless contributions, the role of immigrants in building and enriching our nation has frequently been overlooked and undervalued throughout our history; and

Whereas The Commonwealth recognizes the important role that immigrants and their families play in enriching communities throughout Massachusetts,

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

IMMIGRANT HERITAGE 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 twenty-third day of May, in the year two thousand and fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts