



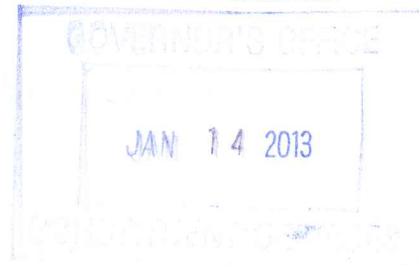
**RONALD REAGAN
LEGACY PROJECT**

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Chairman

January 7, 2013

The Honorable Deval Patrick
Mass. State House, Office of the Governor, Room 280
Boston, MA 02133



Dear Gov. Patrick,

Throughout our history, a few great leaders have stood the test of time and continued to influence future generations of Americans. Ronald Reagan stands as one of the most influential presidents of our great nation, touching the hearts and lives of millions. When he finally succumbed to illness on June 5, 2004, the nation mourned the passing of a national hero.

Now, in honor of the 102nd anniversary of his birthday, the Ronald Reagan Legacy Project is asking all 50 governors to enact proclamations declaring, February 6, 2013, "Ronald Reagan Day."

Reagan boldly accepted the helm of a country plagued by disillusionment and inspired a renewed optimism in the weary American people. His defense policies brought about the demise of the Soviet Union, opening the gate to freedom for hundreds of millions of people around the world. America overwhelmingly voiced approval of his leadership when 49 of the 50 states reelected him president in 1984.

Thanks to Ronald Reagan's economic policies, our nation flourished in one of longest economic expansions in American history. Although his vision of a less intrusive government was considered revolutionary at the time, Reagan's strong belief in the power and ability of individuals revitalized the American spirit.

There are those who do not fully appreciate the impact of Reagan's achievements; a proclamation in your state can help millions learn of the legacy of our nation's 40th president. Americans deserve the chance to understand the tremendous bequest of one of our nation's greatest leaders in history.

Last year 34 governors proclaimed February 6th "Ronald Reagan Day." Five of the governors making this proclamation were Democrats who set aside partisanship to honor this great man. Each year since his passing it becomes increasingly important to preserve his legacy against the fading effects of time.

The Ronald Reagan Legacy Project asks that you consider making this proclamation to commemorate February 6, 2013 as "Ronald Reagan Day." **If you have any questions, please contact Anna Henderson at 202.785.0266 or ahenderson@atr.org.**

Sincerely,



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Proclamation to recognize February 6 as "Ronald Reagan Day" in the State of _____

WHEREAS, President Ronald Wilson Reagan, a man of humble background, worked throughout his life serving freedom and advancing the public good, having been employed as an entertainer, Union leader, corporate spokesman, governor of California and president of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan served with honor and distinction for two terms as the 40th president of the United States of America; the second of which he earned the confidence of 3/5 of the electorate and was victorious in 49 of the 50 states in the general election – a record unsurpassed in the history of American presidential elections; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, when Ronald Reagan was inaugurated President, he inherited a disillusioned nation shackled by rampant inflation and high unemployment; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Reagan's presidency he worked in a bipartisan manner to enact his bold agenda of restoring accountability and common sense to Government which led to an unprecedented economic expansion and opportunity for millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reagan's commitment to an active social policy agenda for the nation's children helped lower crime and drug use in our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to our armed forces contributed to the restoration of pride in America, her values and those cherished by the free world, and prepared America's Armed Forces to meet 21st Century challenges; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's vision of "peace through strength" led to the end of the Cold War and the ultimate demise of the Soviet Union, guaranteeing basic human rights for millions of people; and

WHEREAS, February 6, 2013 will be the 102nd anniversary of Ronald Reagan's birth and the ninth since his passing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I _____, Governor of _____, do hereby proclaim February 6th, 2013, to be

RONALD REAGAN DAY IN _____

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

For more information on this draft resolution or to obtain an electronic version, contact the Ronald Reagan Legacy Project at (202) 785-0266.

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