

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas Immigrant entrepreneurship is vital to the economic growth, wealth and job creation in the Commonwealth; and

Whereas Immigrant entrepreneurs come from all over the world and create business in the Commonwealth that include enterprises from neighborhood storefronts to multinational corporations; and

Whereas The Massachusetts New Americans Agenda and the Massachusetts Immigration and Refugee Advocacy Coalition's (MIRA) New American's Integration Institute call for recognizing and promoting the economic contributions of immigrant-owned businesses, workers, and consumers throughout the Commonwealth; and

Whereas Revolutionary ideas start here. For almost four hundred years, Massachusetts' social, cultural, technological, scientific, manufacturing, and design entrepreneurs advance our economic prosperity and quality of life; and

Whereas Entrepreneurial ingenuity is the lifeblood of the Commonwealth's innovation economy. Innovation is Massachusetts' edge, our fundamental competitive advantage, and our immigrant entrepreneurs are changing the state, nation and world for the better;

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 14th – November 14th, 2011, to be

IMMIGRANT ENTREPRENEURSHIP 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 twelfth day of October, in the year two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fifth.



By His Excellency

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deval L. Patrick'.

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Francis Galvin'.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts