

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas In 1964, Congress enacted the Economic Opportunity Act as part of the "Great Society Programs," which lead to the creation of a network of anti-poverty agencies known as Community Action Agencies; and

Whereas In 1983, the Great and General Court enacted legislation affirming the role of Community Action Agencies as organizations based in local communities across the state to serve every city and town, to work to mitigate the effects of poverty in the United States, and to create economic opportunity among the populations served by such agencies; and

Whereas There are 24 Community Action Agencies operating in Massachusetts and each such Agency advocates for, empowers, and serves approximately 600,000 low-income, working, and vulnerable residents of the Commonwealth through a wide range of programs such as fuel assistance, weatherization services, early care and education including Head Start, job training, homelessness prevention, other housing services, and services to the elderly; and

Whereas The Massachusetts Association for Community Action (MASSCAP), which serves as the representative association of such agencies, works to improve and enhance management practices and program implementation across the community action network and to advocate for public policies to help our most vulnerable residents,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 19, 2011, to be

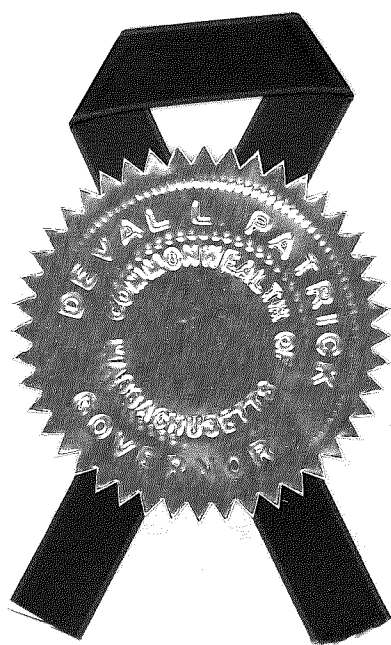
COMMUNITY ACTION AWARENESS DAY

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 fourth 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

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH



WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts