

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas The Boy Scouts of America was established in 1910 to teach patriotism, courage, self-reliance, kindred values and reverence; and

Whereas With nearly three million members, Boy Scout of America is the largest youth service organization in America, teaching responsible citizenship and character development through service to others; and

Whereas Scouts participate in service to the community through food collection and distribution, community beautification, conservation projects, food service at shelters and support of our military; and

Whereas More than 115 million merit badges have been received since the establishment of the Boy Scouts of America demonstrating exemplary assistance and citizenship to the community; and

Whereas We recognize the Boy Scouts throughout the Commonwealth and nation, who work tirelessly to better their communities,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim February 8th, 2010, to be

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING 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 first day of February, in the year two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-third.

By His Excellency

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deval Patrick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

**DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

**WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts