

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas Childhood obesity is a serious condition that affects 12.5 million children in the United States; and

Whereas A child that is overweight or obese can attract health-related problems as they grow older such as diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, cancer, and asthma ; and

Whereas Children can prevent this condition through eating healthier foods such as, and exercising for at least sixty minutes a day, and most importantly, support from family, friends, and school; and

Whereas Childhood obesity can affect anyone from all cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, but especially those that are in underserved areas with limited or no access to nutritional foods at their local grocery stores; and

Whereas Healthy habits at home, school nutrition programs, and educational programs in health clinics and child homes and centers are play a vital role in helping children understand the importance of healthy nutrition and exercise in order to prevent a path leading to an unhealthy lifestyle; and

Whereas Through public awareness, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts seeks to solve the challenge of childhood obesity and reduce the occurrence of this condition among our youngest residents,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim September 25th – October 1st to be,

CHILDHOOD OBESITY AWARENESS WEEK

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 sixteenth of September, 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

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DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

