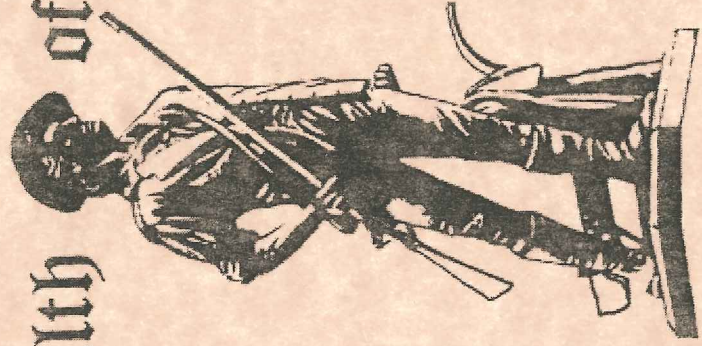


Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

- Whereas** Bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or groups of people; and
- Whereas** Bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds and schools throughout the Commonwealth and through technology such as the internet and cell phones; and
- Whereas** Various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of youth in the United States each year, either as a bully or as a victim; and
- Whereas** Targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and
- Whereas** The Governor's Statewide Youth Council has led several important initiatives to raise public awareness and address the negative effects of bullying among the Commonwealth's youth by encouraging their peers to eradicate the cultures of violence, stereotypes and discrimination,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 2014, to be,

BULLYING PREVENTION 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 September, in the year two thousand and fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

By His Excellency



DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts