

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas The earliest known reference to the game of baseball is found in a 1791 Pittsfield by-law; and

Whereas Massachusetts hosts four minor league baseball teams, the Pittsfield Colonials, Brockton Rox, Worcester Tornadoes, and Lowell Spinners, located throughout the Commonwealth; and

Whereas The New England Association of 1877 was one of the first minor league baseball associations in the United States; and

Whereas Our minor league baseball teams are a source of local pride and entertainment for all ages; and

Whereas Every summer, Bay Staters gather at local fields to enjoy our national pastime,

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

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 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 fifth day of August, 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