

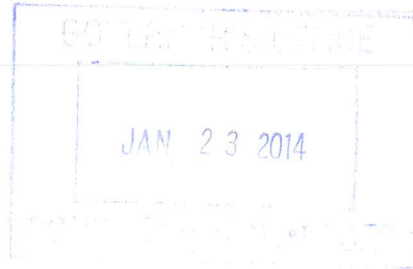
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Governor Deval Patrick
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
State House, Room 360
Boston, Massachusetts 02133



Dear Governor Patrick:

Americans of Lithuanian descent and those of Lithuanian heritage throughout the world will observe the 96th anniversary of Lithuania's Declaration of Independence on February 16, 1918.

The Lithuanian American community of Greater Boston will observe this 96th anniversary on Sunday, February 16th, 2014. One of the traditions at the State House, one of particular importance to the residents of the Commonwealth of Lithuanian heritage, has been the issuance and presentation of a proclamation by your Excellency in honor of the anniversary of Lithuania's Independence Day.

We wish to continue that tradition and respectfully request that a proclamation be issued declaring Sunday, February 16th, 2014 as LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY! We would need to receive the proclamation before the 10th in order to present it at our commemoration as well as at those in Worcester, Brockton, Cape Cod and Lawrence. If we, representatives from these communities, could meet with you in person at your convenience to receive the Proclamation and have a photograph taken of the occasion we would be very grateful. We would appreciate hearing from you (favorably) at your earliest convenience.

We also ask for your support as we try to maintain our heritage and try to help Lithuania regain prosperity and its rightful place as a full member in the world of western and democratic nations.

Respectfully yours,

Gintaras P. Cepas, Chairman
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