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July 30, 2013

The Honorable Deval Patrick
Governor of Massachusetts
State House, Room 280
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Governor Patrick:

As Americans celebrate the hard work of the nation's 156 million employees this Labor Day, they should also recognize the essential contributions workers and payroll professionals make to our nation's strength and prosperity.

Since 1996, in concurrence with Labor Day, the American Payroll Association (APA) has hosted National Payroll Week (NPW), a public awareness campaign aimed at recognizing and celebrating the unique partnership among America's workers, companies and the payroll professionals who pay them. Jointly, through the payroll withholding system, they contribute, collect, report and deposit approximately \$1.78 trillion, or 70.5 percent of the annual revenue of the U.S. Treasury.

This campaign, along with the useful information available on www.nationalpayrollweek.com, helps educate America's current and future workers about the payroll withholding system and how to effectively manage their finances to stretch their paychecks and increase savings.

The message of NPW has the potential to aid millions of Americans in managing their paychecks more effectively, but we need your assistance to spread this important information to workers throughout Massachusetts.

Please show your support of this important campaign by:

- Signing and returning the enclosed proclamation, which will be posted to www.nationalpayrollweek.com
- Providing a personal quote endorsing NPW that we may use to inspire workers across the nation
- Mentioning NPW and the NPW website in constituent mailings, on your website, or in other communications

Your endorsement will be featured on www.nationalpayrollweek.com to motivate the workers in Massachusetts to utilize their paycheck to its fullest. The NPW website is extensively publicized during the week of Labor Day, and hundreds of companies from across the country will help spread this important message during NPW.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider this request. It would be an honor to have your assistance in our quest to educate workers in Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

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STATEMENT IN OBSERVANCE OF PAYROLL WEEK IN MASSACHUSETTS

Whereas, the American Payroll Association joins countless payroll professionals throughout the State of Massachusetts in observing National Payroll Week, September 2-6, 2013; and

Whereas, this awareness campaign is designed to help workers in America better understand issues related to our payroll and tax systems, as well as to educate payroll professionals and employers about important payroll-related regulatory and compliance issues.

Whereas, payroll professionals in Massachusetts play a key role in maintaining our state's economic health, carrying out such diverse tasks as paying into the unemployment insurance system, providing information for child support enforcement and carrying out tax withholding, reporting and depositing; and

Whereas, payroll departments nationwide collect more than \$1.78 trillion annually complying with myriad federal, state and local wage tax laws; and

Whereas, these funds go toward supporting important civic projects, including roads, schools and parks in communities across Massachusetts; and

Whereas, payroll professionals have become increasingly proactive in leading initiatives that help educate citizens on key payroll-related issues facing businesses and workers in America, and

Whereas, these dedicated professionals continually strive to meet the highest standards toward improving compliance with government procedures, reducing costs and improving the overall payroll process in Massachusetts.

Now, Therefore, I, Deval Patrick, Governor,
do hereby declare September 2-6, 2013

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and urge everyone in Massachusetts to reflect on the important work done by payroll professionals statewide.

Deval Patrick, *Governor*