

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

**Whereas** Hispanic Americans continue to be a vital part of the Commonwealth's rich diversity by contributing significantly to all aspects of daily life, including education, medicine, commerce, agriculture, public service, technology, and the arts; and

**Whereas** Hispanic Americans make up over ten percent of the Massachusetts population; and

**Whereas** Hispanic Americans trace their heritage to a diverse group of nations and the close cultural, social, and economic ties between these countries and the Commonwealth promise to expand and strengthen as we continue through the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and

**Whereas** The nations of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, and Chile celebrate their independence between the dates of September 15 and September 18; and

**Whereas** Hispanic owned businesses, including enterprises from neighborhood storefronts to multinational corporations, are vital to the economic growth, wealth and job creation in the Commonwealth; and

**Whereas** It is appropriate that all residents recognize Hispanic Americans for their many contributions to the cities and towns across our Commonwealth,

**Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick,** Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2013 until October 15, 2013 to be,

## HISPANIC HERITAGE 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 tenth day of September, in the year two thousand and thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

**By His Excellency**

**DEVAL L. PATRICK**  
*GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH*

**WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN**  
*SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH*

**God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts**