

Children's Services Appreciation Week

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas Children Services organizations are responsible for providing quality care to children and their families in their local community settings; and

Whereas These settings range from residential programs to in-home therapy, children's services organizations are on the front lines in providing support, counseling and education to our most vulnerable population, our children; and

Whereas Children Services organizations work 24/7, 365 days of the year to protect and care for the children of the Commonwealth and often receive little fanfare or recognition for their invaluable work and commitment to our youngest residents; and

Whereas These children's services organizations are members of a larger network of providers and individuals that create the Children's League of Massachusetts, who collectively advocate for public policies and quality accessible services that are in the best interest of the Commonwealth's children, youth and families; and

Whereas On this week we ask the residents of the Commonwealth to recognize the important contributions of children's services organizations in the community, and their efforts to provide outstanding services that allow children and families to thrive in their home communities,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 15th- 19th, 2012 to be,

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And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.