

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas Securing the welfare of our children, the most precious natural resource and greatest hope for the future, is a priority in the Commonwealth; and

Whereas All available knowledge indicates that human milk optimally enhances the growth, development and well-being of the infant by providing the best possible nutrition, protection against specific infection and allergies, and the promotion of maternal and infant bonding; and

Whereas Breastfeeding is economical, promoting healthier mothers and babies and benefiting society through lower health care costs, a healthier workforce, stronger family bonds, and less environmental pollution at little or no cost; and

Whereas The United States Department of Agriculture and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health promote breastfeeding through the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC); and

Whereas The Massachusetts Breastfeeding Coalition (MBC) promotes breastfeeding through education of the health care community and coordination of breastfeeding organizations within Massachusetts, and recognizes breastfeeding-friendly establishments and employers in the Commonwealth; and

Whereas The number of women in the Commonwealth choosing to breastfeed their infants is increasing through the efforts of MBC, WIC, La Leche League, lactation consultants and health care professionals,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim August 1st – 7th, 2010 to be,

MASSACHUSETTS BREASTFEEDING WEEK

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, first day of August, in the year two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

By His Excellency

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DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Francis Galvin".

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts