

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas Mental Illness is a medical condition that disrupts an individual's mood, feelings, ability to relate to others and often results in a diminished capacity for common demands of life; and

Whereas One in four Americans face some form of mental illness each year; and

Whereas It is important that all individuals learn about the warning signs of mental health problems and where to obtain necessary assistance and treatment that will allow those affected better opportunities to lead full and productive lives; and

Whereas Prevention and education are effective ways to reduce the burden of mental health conditions on those affected; and

Whereas With effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

Whereas Through public awareness, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts seeks to focus on the needs of our citizens with emotional, behavioral and mental health needs,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim May, 2013,

MENTAL HEALTH 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 twenty-first day of March, in the year two thousand and thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-sixth.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts