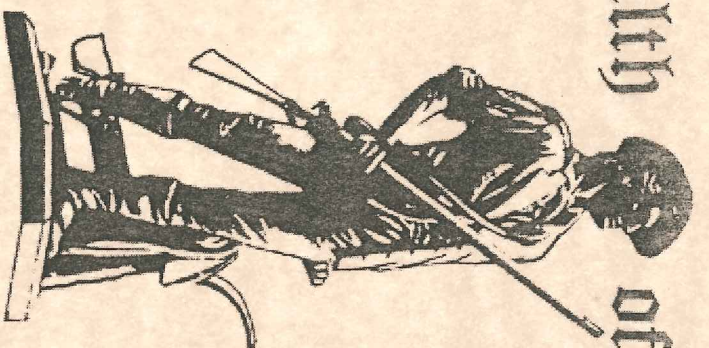


Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

- Whereas** Violent crimes affect families in every walk of life regardless of race, ethnicity and wealth; and
- Whereas** In many cases, a violent act takes only seconds, but the impact on individuals, families and communities can last a lifetime; and
- Whereas** America has a history of using non-violence as means to peaceful conflict resolution; and
- Whereas** Access to training in conflict resolution, mental health resources, parenting skills, anti-gun violence resources, faith based institutions can benefit the public; and
- Whereas** The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in partnership with various community organizations, works to strengthen local anti-violence coalitions, create safe havens for local youth, address domestic violence and sexual assault and provides employment opportunities for youth, helping to reduce instances of violent crime,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim August 22nd, 2013, to be,

MASSACHUSETTS DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE

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 thirtieth day of July, 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

