

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

**Whereas** The wetlands of Massachusetts have been vital to the prosperity of the Commonwealth by sustaining communities with an ample and varied food supply; and

**Whereas** Wetlands help clean drinking water supplies, prevent flooding and storm damage, and support a variety of wildlife; and

**Whereas** The Wetlands Protection Act protects wetlands and the public interests they serve, including flood control, prevention of pollution and storm damage, and protection of public and private water supplies, groundwater supply, fisheries, land containing shellfish, and wildlife habitat; and

**Whereas** The economic health of many of our industries – from forestry to fisheries to cranberries – depends on wetlands; and

**Whereas** The Commonwealth recognizes the importance of protecting and restoring our wetlands of all types,

**Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick**, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim May 2011, to be,

## WETLANDS 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 nineteenth day of April, in the year two thousand and eleven, 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', written over a white background.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts