

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas All individuals gain a broadened international perspective through the study of other cultures and their languages; and

Whereas Learning to communicate in another language is vital to participating in our global economy; and

Whereas Studying other languages has been shown to contribute to increased cognitive skills, better academic performance, while also providing life-long learning opportunities for people beyond school age; and

Whereas To mark the 51st anniversary of the first declaration of "Foreign Languages Week," the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association is celebrating Foreign Language Week with the theme "You've Got the World on a String With Foreign Languages,"

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim March 3rd - 9th, 2008, to be,

FOREIGN LANGUAGES 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, this twenty-second day of January, in the year two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-first.

By His Excellency



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deval L. Patrick".

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