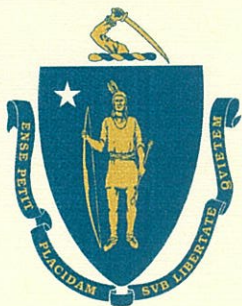


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, Since the Commonwealth's colonial days, thousands of men and women have served our country in defense of freedom and liberty; and

Whereas, On November 11th, 1918, the Armistice was signed in the Forest of Compiègne by the Allied Nations and Germany, ending World War I, "The War to End All Wars," after four years of conflict; and

Whereas, Since that day, every November people from around the nation have gathered to honor our veterans; and

Whereas, There are approximately 388,000 veterans living in Massachusetts; and

Whereas, Today we are reminded of the great sacrifices and contributions our veterans have made to our country; and

Whereas, We honor and salute those who served our country throughout the generations with honor, patriotism and courage; and

Whereas, It is appropriate that all Massachusetts citizens remember the bravery of those who served their country, so that their dedication and sacrifices serve as a reminder of the cost of our freedom,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim November 11th, 2017, to be,

VETERANS DAY

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 first Day of November, in the year two thousand and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-first.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in blue ink.

KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in blue ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH