

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas Community service is donated time and action performed by an individual or group for the benefit of the public; and

Whereas Thousands of students at every level across the Nation participate in various programs and projects that impact their communities while developing useful skills and leadership abilities; and

Whereas Community service includes direct service, government sponsored service, service learning, and research projects conducted at places such as soup kitchens, youth organizations, elementary and secondary schools, beach and park cleanup sites, refugee and immigration service centers, and transitional housing organizations or shelters; and

Whereas Students are a vital resource for community service work because they provide energy, fresh perspective, and a diverse range of talents to local organizations and service programs; and

Whereas Pursuing community service opportunities helps increase young peoples' participation and engagement in civic life and strengthens community ties; and

Whereas Through public awareness, Massachusetts seeks to celebrate the meaningful ways students and other community service volunteers contribute to our Commonwealth,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 17-21 2011, to be

STUDENT COMMUNITY SERVICE 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 fifteenth day of September, in the year two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts