

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas Two of every three Massachusetts students entering college in the state attends one of our twenty-nine public colleges and universities; and

Whereas Our community colleges, state colleges and the University of Massachusetts have afforded more than one million current students and alumni, as well as their families, access to excellent educational opportunities; and

Whereas The Massachusetts public higher education system, which graduates more than 30,000 students a year, plays an indispensable role in educating the highly skilled workforce so critical to the future of our state's economy; and

Whereas The University of Massachusetts is the third leading research university in the Commonwealth; and

Whereas More than 85% of all graduates of our public colleges and university remain in Massachusetts to live, work, raise their families and support their communities,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim March 31st – April 4th, 2008, to be

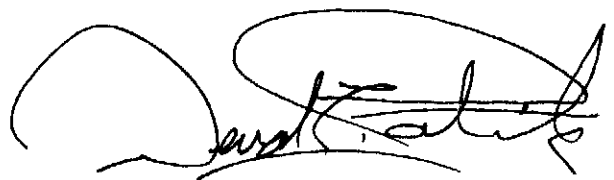
PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION WEEK

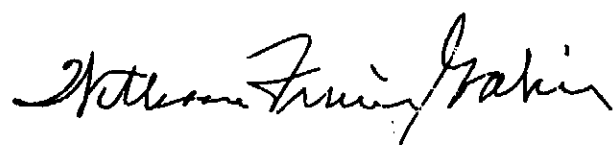
And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twenty-first day of February, 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




DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH


WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts