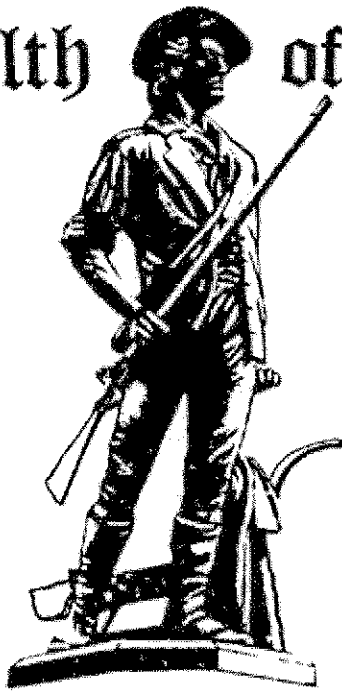


Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas Lobster fishing is the Commonwealth's oldest continuous industry; and

Whereas In 2008, more than 11.7 million pounds of lobster were landed in Massachusetts by commercial fishermen; and

Whereas There are 49 ports in Massachusetts that have commercial lobster trap fishermen. Our lobster trap fishery is conducted by individual, small, owner-operated businesses rather than large corporations; and

Whereas Massachusetts-based lobster dealers are one of the leading chief suppliers of the American Lobster to the world market; and

Whereas The beginning of October is when the yearly supply of Commonwealth-caught lobsters are at their most abundant; and

Whereas For generations, the lobster has provided a source of food, jobs and economic activity, and a way of life that dates back to the Native Americans and the first European settlers,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 7th, 2009 to be,

LOBSTER 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 October, in the year two thousand and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-third.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts