

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



## A PROCLAMATION

HIS EXCELLENCY GOVERNOR DEVAL L. PATRICK

Whereas Parents are their children's earliest and most continuous teachers, and are full partners with teachers, principals and administrators in the education of their children; and

Whereas Along with schools and local communities, parents are critical to the success of education reform and responsible for the future of education in the Bay State; and

Whereas Families benefit from learning together and being involved in literacy and educational activities; and

Whereas It is essential that communities, libraries and schools provide families with opportunities for family literacy and reading activities that encourage families to read with their children and use public libraries; and

Whereas The Massachusetts Family Literacy Consortium and its member agencies encourage and support local efforts to provide high quality family literacy programs that use materials, strategies and approaches to help all children develop strong literacy skills that ensure their success in school and in the workforce; and

Whereas The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has a tradition of commitment to universal literacy and family literacy,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim November 2011 to be

## FAMILY LITERACY MONTH

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 nineteenth day of October, 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