

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

**Whereas** In recent years, the nation has experienced a number of the most catastrophic hurricanes in our history; and

**Whereas** During the Atlantic hurricane season our coastal and inland communities are at risk of being impacted by powerful tropical storms and hurricanes. The high winds, storm surges, coastal erosion, inland flooding and wide spread power outages that may be associated with these storms can damage and threatens the lives and property of our citizens. We must aggressively prepare and protect our communities and families; and

**Whereas** Historically, Massachusetts is at highest risk of being impacted by a tropical storm or hurricane in the later part of the hurricane season, with 75% of the major storms occurring from August through October; and

**Whereas** Being prepared for tropical storms and hurricanes can save lives and reduce property damage. The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency recommends that individuals, families and businesses take several important steps before the next major storm: create a disaster plan, build or maintain an emergency supply kit, secure homes, businesses, and belongings, and learn about hurricane evacuation zones. Advance planning and preparation safeguards lives, protects property and enhances the Commonwealth's resilience,

**Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick**, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim July 2014, to be,

## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS 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 twenty-eighth day of June, in the year two thousand and fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

By His Excellency

A blue ink signature of Deval L. Patrick, written in a cursive style.

DEVAL L. PATRICK  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A blue ink signature of William Francis Galvin, written in a cursive style.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts