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By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 547

**RENAMING OF THE MASSACHUSETTS MILITARY
RESERVATION TO JOINT BASE CAPE COD**

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is extremely proud of its men and women who have continued to answer the nation's call to arms to preserve and defend its freedom and liberties;

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Military Reservation located in the Towns of Bourne, Falmouth, Mashpee, and Sandwich is the largest military installation in geographical size in the Commonwealth covering 22,000 acres on Upper Cape Cod and is one of the top five largest employers in the Cape Cod region, supporting approximately 3,700 jobs with an economic impact of more than \$360 million per year;

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Military Reservation is a uniquely organized joint installation with components from the United States Air Force at the Cape Cod Air Force Station 6th Space Warning Squadron (PAVE PAWS), which provides accurate and timely missile warning and space surveillance to guard the Commonwealth and country against ballistic missiles; the United States Coast Guard at Air Station Cape Cod responsible for the waters stretching from New Jersey to the Canadian border; the Army National Guard at Camp Edwards, the largest training area in the Northeast for soldiers from New England, civilian first responders, and

law enforcement; and Air National Guard at Otis Air National Guard Base, which provides precision intelligence for worldwide combat support and homeland security. In addition, there are close to 30 other tenants on the Massachusetts Military Reservation having affiliations with the Department of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security and other federal, state, and county entities reflecting the joint nature of this installation;

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Military Reservation has great potential for growth in partnership with the community as it looks to expand and bring in new missions using its strong communications and clean energy infrastructure as well as underutilized land, runways, and buildings;

WHEREAS, the national security mission and value to America at the Massachusetts Military Reservation is key to public safety and regional economic development, because the base serves as a hub and generator for local defense and aerospace related expenditures, jobs, and investments;

WHEREAS, renaming the Massachusetts Military Reservation at this time will serve several important purposes to properly brand the base and more accurately reflect both the current and future joint relationships that exist, to support the base commanders' need and desire to link themselves more closely together, and to coordinate activities between the base commanders through the duties of the Executive Director of the Joint Base;

WHEREAS, as we continue to explore and implement more joint opportunities for providing services, eliminating and reducing redundancies, and reducing overall base operating costs, renaming the base will more appropriately reflect the joint nature of this installation and allow cost savings to be realized;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution, Part 2, c. 2, § 1, Art. 1, do hereby order as follows:

Section 1. The Massachusetts Military Reservation located in the Towns of Bourne, Falmouth, Mashpee, and Sandwich is hereby renamed as Joint Base Cape Cod.

Section 2. The administrative operations of Joint Base Cape Cod shall vest with an Executive Director, who shall serve as a member of the Joint Oversight Group, and who shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard.



Given at the Executive Chamber
in Boston this 19th day of July
in the year of our Lord two
thousand and thirteen, and of the
Independence of the United States
of America two hundred and thirty-seven.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deval L. Patrick".

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Francis Galvin".

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
Secretary of the Commonwealth

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS