A Proclamation

Whereas, All individuals gain a broadened international perspective through the study of other cultures and their languages; and

Whereas, Learning to communicate in another language is vital to participating in our global economy; and

Whereas, Studying other languages has been shown to contribute to increased cognitive skills, better academic performance, while also providing lifelong learning opportunities for people beyond school age; and

Whereas, To mark the 61st anniversary of the first declaration of "Foreign Language Week," the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association is celebrating Foreign Language Week with the theme, "Learn a new language. Expand your mind, expand your heart, and expand your world;

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim March 3rd-9th, 2019, to be,

FOREIGN LANGUAGE 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-second day of February, in the year two thousand and nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-second.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Charles Baker
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Karyn E. Polito
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

William Francis Galvin
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts