A Proclamation

Whereas, Samuel Mason Range served in the United States Armed Forces during the Second World War; and

Whereas, Samuel Mason Range achieved a remarkable and historical feat by becoming the first Massachusetts State Police Trooper of color during the 1950s; and

Whereas, Samuel Mason Range continued his public service through a career in law enforcement with the Boston Police and the California Sheriff’s Department - among others; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth recognizes Samuel Mason Range’s place in history as a trailblazing figure in his own right whose very presence as a state police trooper challenged racial barriers and whose service in that capacity, rendered an indelible contribution to the ongoing work of making Massachusetts a more just and equitable state for all of its citizens,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim January 26, 2019, to be,

SAMUEL MASON RANGE 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 twenty-fourth day of January, 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 D. 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