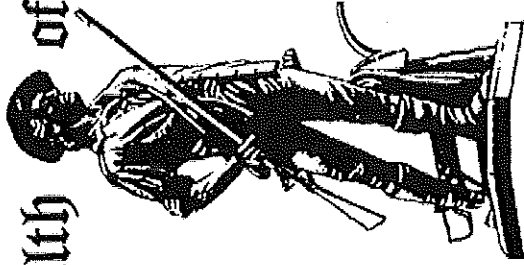


# Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

- H**ereas Frederick Douglass was born February 14, 1818; and
- H**ereas Susan B. Anthony was born February 15, 1820 in Adams, Massachusetts and later became active in the abolitionist movement in New York State; and
- H**ereas Frederick Douglass lived in New Bedford from 1838 until 1845; during this time he wrote his *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*, which was published in Boston; and
- H**ereas While in Massachusetts, Douglass became active in the abolitionist movement; and
- H**ereas Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony collaborated and worked tirelessly to move our nation to live up to the ideals espoused in the Declaration of Independence; and
- H**ereas The effort to secure passage of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments, which guaranteed the right to vote to "male" citizens without regard to "race, color or previous condition of servitude," caused a rift between the abolitionist movement and the women's suffrage movement; and
- H**ereas In recognizing the work of both Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony, we take steps to mend the rift, acknowledge the accomplishments of both the abolitionist and women's suffrage movements, and renew the work of moving our nation to make real the promise of the Declaration of Independence,

**N**ow, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009, to be

## FREDERICK DOUGLASS DAY

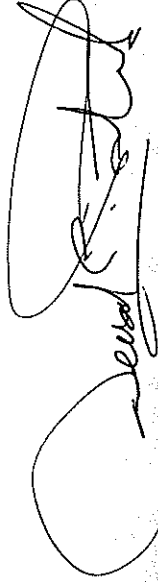
and February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009, to be

## SUSAN B. ANTHONY DAY

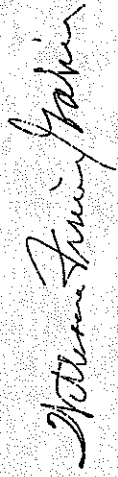
And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this tenth day of February, in the year two thousand and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-second.

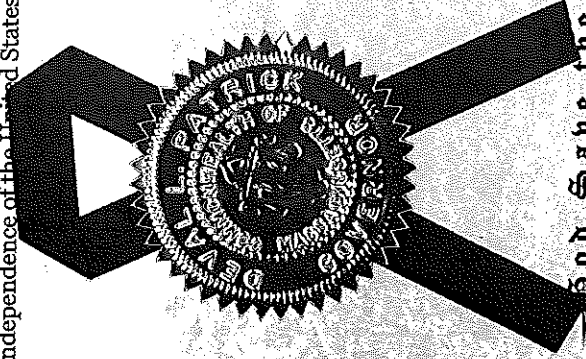
By His Excellency



DEVAL L. PATRICK  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH



WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts