

# THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



## A PROCLAMATION



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

GOVERNOR DEVAL L. PATRICK

**Whereas** Massachusetts has an proud legacy of parks and trails throughout the state; and

**Whereas** Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, as proposed by J. Sterling Morton in 1872; and

**Whereas** Trees are vital to our planet, for they reduce erosion of topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate temperature, clean the air, produce the oxygen we breathe, provide habitat for wildlife, and are an ally in the battle against global climate change; and

**Whereas** Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

**Whereas** Today, the Waverley Trail in Belmont and Waltham will be added to the Bay State's park legacy for local residents to enjoy and cherish forever,

**Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick,** Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007, to be

## ARBOR 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-sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirtieth.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK  
Governor of the Commonwealth

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

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