

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

*Whereas The Commonwealth of Massachusetts continues to share the desire to strengthen ties and further develop relations with the Canton of Basel-Stadt, Switzerland for the mutual benefit of both lands; and*

*Whereas We recognize the special significance that trade, investment, industry, science and technology, education and research and the arts and culture have in furthering the development of this relationship and pledge to continue this exchange of ideas; and*

*Whereas On the Nineteenth Day of June, 2002, the Sister-State relationship between the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Canton of Basel-Stadt was implemented to improve friendship and relations; and*

*Whereas On the twelfth day of April, 2007, the Sister-State relationship between the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Canton of Basel-Stadt was reaffirmed; and*

*Whereas With this understanding, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereby again re-establishes relations of friendly partnership between the Commonwealth and the region of Basel, Switzerland in the framework of general relations between the United State of America and Switzerland and by the proper observation of corresponding law of both countries,*

*Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby do hereby commit to and reaffirm the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Canton of Basel-Stadt, Switzerland Sister-State Agreement and do pledge our best efforts to ensure the mutual benefits and practical results herein cited.*

## *Sister-State Relationship Between The Commonwealth of Massachusetts And The Canton of Basel-Stadt, Switzerland*

*Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this Twenty-Eighth Day of September, in the year two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-ninth.*

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles D. Baker".

CHARLES D. BAKER  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

*God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*