

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



A PROCLAMATION



SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND THE CANTON OF BASEL-STADT, SWITZERLAND

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

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 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.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twelfth 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deval L. Patrick".

DEVAL L. PATRICK
Governor of the Commonwealth



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