

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

By His Excellency

ALVAN T. FULLER
GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

The Flag of our country is the symbol of a free people. It was authorized by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. This day marks the sesquicentennial of a flag that has represented in peace and war the aspirations of a nation with a passion for justice and a genius for liberty.

Massachusetts has, by legislative enactment, designated June fourteenth of each year as Flag Day, for the fitting observance of an anniversary filled with meaning to the citizenship of our Commonwealth.

It is my privilege, therefore, to proclaim Tuesday, June fourteenth, as

Flag Day

and to recommend that the flag of the United States be generally displayed and that appropriate exercises be held in all schools and places of assembly.

I recommend, further, that special instruction be given in our schools concerning our flag, its origin, its proper use, and the ideals for which it stands; and that on Sunday, June twelfth, the thoughts of our people be directed in our churches to the mighty and uplifting principles represented by our national emblem.

Lexington, Concord, and Bunker Hill contributed to the making of our flag. The lives, the fortunes and the sacred honor which the founders of this republic pledged in the Declaration of Independence, are summoned in our day to the support of this republic's ideals wherever this flag is flown. Yorktown, Gettysburg and Chateau Thierry consecrated this flag in the hearts of our people. That inspiration which it gave to the heroes of the first days of this nation, it stirs today, and must ever stir, in the hearts of Americans. Conceived and christened in war, it has ever been an emblem of peace and protection.

Our flag has been carried on the battle front when liberty was in jeopardy; and about it have rallied the unconquerable hosts of freedom. To the beautiful Hall of Flags in our State House the battle flag returns, there forever to remind us and those who come after us through the years, of the deeds of heroism and sacrifice done beneath its folds, and of the obligation upon us all to honor it and to be worthy of it in all things.

No nation can long endure where patriotism wanes. In our love of country lies the hope that high ideals will be sustained, and that the lessons of civilization will be advanced.

Let patriotism inspire us always, and through patriotism let our land maintain ever those principles of justice on which it was founded and by which it has grown in strength and honor. Let love for the Stars and Stripes be a daily and vital power in the minds and hearts of Americans.

Revere the flag, give it the deference that is its due, respect it in all thoughts and acts, and there can come no disaster to our republic. The blessed reminder of a noble past, it shall ever lead us to a worthy future.



GIVEN at the Executive Chamber, in Boston, this eighth day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-first.

ALVAN T. FULLER.

By His Excellency the Governor,

FREDERIC W. COOK,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts