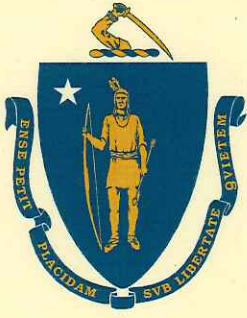


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And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of March, in the year two thousand and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

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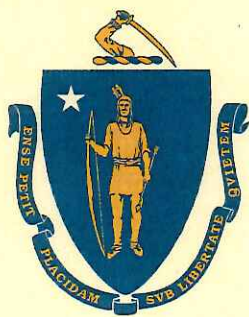
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