

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

- W** **heres** People with intellectual and developmental disabilities constitute one of our nation's largest minority groups, almost one in five residents; and
- W** **heres** We strive to educate, confront and engage youth about the hateful language often unintentionally directed at people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and
- W** **heres** The use of the R-word perpetuates prejudice and discrimination toward people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and
- W** **heres** We seek to create communities of respect acceptance and inclusion for all; and
- W** **heres** We seek to end the popular use of the R-word,
- W** **heres** **Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick**, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim March 3rd, 2010, to be

SPREAD THE WORD TO END THE WORD 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 third day of March, in the year two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-third.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts