

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

**Whereas** The Riverside Blues & BBQ Festival is an annual event held in the month of October in Greenfield, Massachusetts; and

**Whereas** The BBQ Championship is open to all and dedicated to furthering the art of hardwood smoking through public education; and

**Whereas** The Riverside Blues & BBQ Championship is a sanctioned event of the Kansas City Barbeque Society and as such will draw contestants from all over the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as well as several other states each year to participate in the event; and

**Whereas** The greatest recognition a barbeque cook can obtain is the opportunity to cook in the American Royal Barbeque Invitational Cook-off, which is open to all winners of the Kansas City Barbeque Society sanctioned barbeque contests; and

**Whereas** The winner of the Riverside Blues & BBQ Festival will receive an invitation to the American Royal Barbeque Cook-off,

**Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick,** Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 6<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to be,

## RIVERSIDE BLUES & BBQ CHAMPIONSHIP

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 seventeenth day of July, in the year two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-sixth.

By His Excellency

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

DEVAL L. PATRICK  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William Francis Galvin".

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

