

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

**Whereas** According to the Carcinoid Cancer Foundation, Inc. more than 11,000 people are diagnosed with carcinoid/NET cancer each year; and

**Whereas** At least 110,000 people are living with carcinoid/NETs in the United States today; and

**Whereas** Over 90% of all carcinoid/NETs are incorrectly diagnosed or received delayed diagnosis; and

**Whereas** Through timely diagnosis and proper treatment, NET cancer patients can enjoy a better quality of life; and

**Whereas** Through public awareness the Commonwealth of Massachusetts seeks to provide an opportunity for all people to learn more about the causes and warning signs of this disease, in order for it to be detected early and treated effectively,

**Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick,** Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim November 2011, to be

### NET CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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 twenty-first day of October, in the year two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

By His Excellency

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DEVAL L. PATRICK  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Francis Galvin". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts