

# FLAG DAY JUNE 14

## Governor McCall Sets Apart Next Week Wednesday for Observance In the State

Gov McCall issued the following proclamation yesterday in regard to the observance of "Flag Day":

### THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

By His Excellency  
SAMUEL W. McCALL  
Governor

### A PROCLAMATION FLAG DAY

As provided by Chapter 5 of the Resolves of 1911 I hereby set apart June 14th, 1916, as Flag Day, and make proclamation that the day be observed by the people of the Commonwealth in the display of the flag and in such other ways as shall be in harmony with the general character of the day.

The flag is the symbol of the Nation. It represents what we are and what we hope to be. It stands for international justice and the recognition of the rights of other Nations whether they are strong or weak. It should be especially the symbol of power when the rights of American citizens are invaded and the symbol of justice when encroachments are threatened upon the rights of weaker Nations.

If we respect ourselves and thereby respect the rights of others, our flag will be the symbol of respect and confidence among the Nations. We reverence the flag because reverence is the beginning of obedience, and obedience is the foundation of character. The flag is a thing of beauty in itself, but beyond that it is nothing except as it represents the power, the moral qualities and the ideals of the Nation. We can, therefore, most honor the flag by making the country over which it floats a great, free, just and civilized country.

Given at the Executive Chamber, in Boston, this fifth day of June, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the One Hundred and Fortieth.

Samuel W. McCall.

By His Excellency the Governor.

Albert P. Langtry,  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH  
OF MASSACHUSETTS.