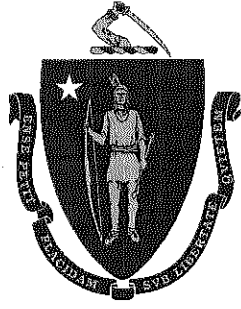


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas Since its founding in 1976, The Boston Club has been bringing together women from a wide range of industries and professions to share educational experiences aimed at becoming better professionals, advancing women's leadership and creating a more inclusive workplace; and

Whereas Together with other organizations, The Boston Club has helped to inspire, encourage, partner with and welcome local, regional and national groups that support women's leadership and the rising generation, including, among others, ALPFA; Big Brothers Big Sisters; The Commonwealth Institute; Conexion; Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts; ION; International Women's Forum; Massachusetts Women's Forum; Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus; The Partnership, Inc.; 2020 Women on Boards; YWCA Boston; and

Whereas For over 20 years, The Boston Club has honored the inspiring work of grassroots organizations working to improve the lives of girls and women in the Greater Boston area through its annual Advancement Award; and

Whereas Giving public recognition to corporations that include women in their leadership and boards of directors and producing original research on gender diversity in the leadership of Massachusetts public corporations have long been Club hallmarks; and

Whereas Actively advancing women to board positions has been a priority of The Boston Club since 1981 to its present day database of highly qualified women about whom it seeks to alert search firms and companies seeking the best candidates; and

Whereas Recognizing that vast numbers of Massachusetts job holders work for nonprofit organizations (currently 1 in 6), The Boston Club has since 1990 endeavored to direct more qualified women candidates to leadership roles in nonprofit organizations and in 2013 produced the first biennial census of "Women Directors and Chief Executives of Massachusetts' Largest Nonprofit Organizations; and

Whereas As of 2016, The Boston Club has placed 100 women on corporate and private company boards and influenced the placement of over an additional 100 women to corporate board seats, and has placed over 200 women on nonprofit boards,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2017, to be,

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP 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 first day of January, in the year two thousand and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fortieth.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts