

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

By Her Excellency

GOVERNOR JANE SWIFT

2001

- WHEREAS:** Rose family ancestors immigrated to Boston in the 1870s, facing many challenges and great pains upon their arrival, but utilized the lessons learned from those hardships to help instill values, dignity and character in the following descendants of the family; and
- WHEREAS:** John Dutra Rose and other Rose family members have proudly represented our Commonwealth and our country in the armed services, throughout the nation and abroad, during several wars while serving in the army, navy and marines; and
- WHEREAS:** Great-grandmother Mary Souza, mother to Annie Souza Rose and twenty-one other children, delivered thousands of babies born in the city of Cambridge; and as one of the first midwives registered through the courts of Cambridge, contributed positively to expectant mothers and enabled them to experience the wonders of childbirth; and
- WHEREAS:** The importance of family remains constant and true in the present generations of the Rose family as it continues to grow and develop each year; and
- WHEREAS:** The Rose family is very much a part of the Commonwealth's history, as well as its future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JANE SWIFT, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim August 11th, 2001, to be

ROSE FAMILY REUNION DAY IN MASSACHUSETTS

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 second day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand and one, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and twenty-sixth.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jane Swift".

JANE SWIFT

By Her Excellency the Governor

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

