WHEREAS; computer technology, an integral part of our culture, is changing how people interact with each other and the world around them, is transforming industry, creating new fields of commerce, driving innovation in all fields of science and bolstering productivity in many economic sectors ; and

WHEREAS; National Computer Science Education Week can inform students, teachers, parents and the general public about the crucial role that computer science plays in transforming the society; and

WHEREAS; giving students the chance to participate in high-quality computer science activities, possibly through science scholarships, exposes them to opportunities and provides critical thinking skills that will serve them throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS; all students deserve a thorough preparation in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, including access to qualified teachers, technology, and age-appropriate curriculum needed to learn computer science; and

WHEREAS; Grace Murray Hopper, one of the first females in the field of computer science, engineered new programming languages and pioneered standards for computer systems which laid the foundation for many advancements, and the week of December 9-15, 2012, in honor of her birthday, is designated as “Computer Science Education Week;”

Now, Therefore, I, Deval Patrick, Governor of the State of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim December 8-15, 2014, as

**Computer Science Education Week**

throughout the State of Massachusetts, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

In testimony whereof, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Massachusetts to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Boston this \_\_th day of November 2014.