

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

OF
SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
AND
THE CANTON OF BASEL-STADT, SWITZERLAND

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Canton of Basel-Stadt, Switzerland; sharing the desire to strengthen their ties and develop their relations for the mutual benefit of both lands;

Recognizing the special significance that trade, investment, industry, science and technology, education and research, and arts and culture have with regard to the further development and well-being of both parties,

Wishing to pursue, encourage, develop and expand joint activities, programs, and ventures of mutual benefit,

Seeking an exchange of ideas in the above mentioned fields,

Declare on this 19 day of June, 2002, the implementation of a Sister-State relationship between the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Canton of Basel-Stadt, Switzerland to improve friendship and relations.

With this understanding, both sides hereby establish relations of friendly partnership between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the region of Basel, Switzerland in the framework of the general relations between the United States of America and Switzerland and by the proper observation of corresponding laws of both countries.

Therefore, we the undersigned do hereby commit to and create the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Canton of Basel-Stadt, Switzerland Sister-State Agreement and do pledge our Governor's best efforts to ensure the mutual benefits and practical results herein cited.

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Governor Jane M. Swift
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
United States of America

Handwritten signature of Carlo Conti in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

President Carlo Conti
Canton of Basel-Stadt,
Switzerland

