

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

By Her Excellency

GOVERNOR JANE SWIFT

2002

- WHEREAS:** The Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association is celebrating its 115<sup>th</sup> year promoting and supporting the cranberry growers of Massachusetts; and
- WHEREAS:** Massachusetts is a leading producer of cranberries, producing 32 percent of the nation's supply with over \$40 million in sales as consumers worldwide discover the many uses of this healthy fruit; and
- WHEREAS:** The cranberry has had a long tradition in North America, first used by Native Americans to make pemmican – a convenience food that kept for long periods of time – and then was also used as an ingredient in medicine, as a natural dye of clothing, as a symbol of peace, and later as a source of sustenance for the Pilgrims; and
- WHEREAS:** During the early days of this country's history, when wooden ships sailed the seven seas, the American vessels carried cranberries across the globe in wooden barrels knowing that eating this fruit helped prevent scurvy, long before medical science discovered cranberries are a valuable source of vitamin C; and
- WHEREAS:** Cranberry growers have shown their commitment to environmental stewardship by using integrated pest management to reduce pesticide use, practicing water conservation and preserving, protecting, and creating wetlands and open space which provide habitat for a diversity of wildlife, including many threatened or endangered species; and
- WHEREAS:** Multiple clinical trials and related scientific studies conclusively documented the unique ability of the cranberry to help maintain urinary tract health, due to the variety and level of its natural components; and
- WHEREAS:** The cranberry has long played a role in American food, culture and tradition, including the celebration of our Thanksgiving;

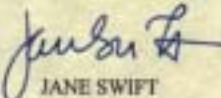
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JANE SWIFT, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2002, to be

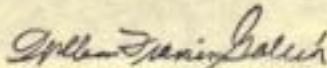
### MASSACHUSETTS CRANBERRY MONTH

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 twenty-fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand and two, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and twenty-seventh.

By Her Excellency the Governor

  
JANE SWIFT



WILLIAM F. GALVIN  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

