

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, May 23, 1930.

*To the Honorable Senate and the House of Representatives:*

The Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington occurs in 1932. A Congressional commission has been engaged since 1924 in perfecting plans for proper national recognition of this historically important and significant event. The commission has issued a request from time to time to the various states to take action to provide for co-operation with the Congressional commission in its plans for the celebration. Several states have already provided commissions on the Bicentennial.

Perhaps in no other state in the Union is the memory of the Father of his Country so honored and revered as in our Commonwealth. Here Washington came in 1776 as the Commander-in-Chief of the American Army. Here, under his direction and able leadership occurred the Siege of Boston which finally culminated in the evacuation of the city by the British on March 17, 1776. Massachusetts, as one of the first original thirteen colonies, should be one of the first states to provide appropriate recognition of the bicentennial of the birth of our first President.

I recommend that provision be made for a Special Commission to be known as the George Washington Bicentennial Commission to formulate plans in conjunction with the Federal Government for a fitting celebration of this significant event.

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