



**THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO**

*HOME OF THE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME*

**PROCLAMATION**

*Whereas,*

The Roger L. Putnam Vocational Technical Academy Basketball Team showed the state their best Basketball – and then some as they defeated Mansfield High School 50 – 48 in overtime to win the Massachusetts Division I Boys Basketball State Championship; and

*Whereas,*

The championship team finished an amazing season with a record of 24 – 1, outscoring their opponents by an average of 24 points per game. Led by Coach William Shepard, the coaching staff installed a foundation to the team based on discipline and structure both on and off the basketball court, which helped guide the team to win the first state championship in Putnam’s 75 year history.

*Whereas,*

The City of Springfield does hereby congratulate the Roger L. Putnam Vocational Technical Academy High School Basketball Team: the players and coaches, as well as the boosters, parents, and fans, and hereby recognize them for their outstanding achievement; and

*Whereas,*

All of Springfield is very proud of the Putnam Beavers coach, William Shepard and his staff of assistant coaches for achieving the goal of guiding the Putnam High School Basketball Team to the Massachusetts Division I State Championship and bringing the esteemed trophy home to our great city.

*Therefore, I, Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor*

Of the City of Springfield, do hereby proclaim

**Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 as**

***“Springfield Roger L. Putnam High School Basketball Day”***

In the City of Springfield, and I urge all our citizens to join with me in congratulating the incredible efforts of the Putnam High School Basketball team on winning the Massachusetts Division I State Championship.

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**MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO**