



## THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO

HOME OF THE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

### PROCLAMATION

*Whereas,*

George Washington was born at his father's plantation on Popes Creek in Westmoreland County, Virginia, on February 22, 1732. Washington was one of our nation's Founding Fathers and served as an officer in the Virginia Colony's Regiment Continental Army, a Delegate to the Continental Congress from Virginia, Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army and as the First President of the United States of America; and

*Whereas,*

In 1784, the Virginia General Assembly commissioned Sculptor Jean-Antoine Houdon, the most famous sculptor of the day, to create a statue in honor Washington. The original marble statue was installed in the Virginia State Capital in 1796. During the 1850's, the Virginia General Assembly authorized the commission of bronze copies of the original marble statue in case the original was ever damaged. Many of these copies eventually made their way across the globe. A total of 26 copies have been identified, with some located as far away as France, England, and Peru. Two of these statues are located here in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. One is located in Lexington and the other right here in our great City of Springfield at the Holy Name Church Campus, formerly the Holy Name School. Research indicates that it was purchased by a "Father McGovern" and installed in 1932; and

*Whereas,*

Today, the City of Springfield joins with the Daughters of the American Revolution – Mercy Warren Chapter, in honoring and celebrating the 290<sup>th</sup> Birthday of our first President George Washington with a wreath-laying ceremony.



*Therefore, I, Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor*  
of the City of Springfield, do hereby proclaim

*Tuesday, February 22, 2022*

*"George Washington Day"*



**In the City of Springfield, and I strongly encourage our citizens to join with me in acknowledging the memory of our nation's first President.**

*Domenic J. Sarno*

**DOMENIC J. SARNO, MAYOR**

*" Good health & God Bless  
American! "*

*P.S - Hello & thank you  
Holly ST2012 Bless  
City... Southern Belle!*