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By His Excellency
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A PROCLAMATION REGARDING
ENRICO TAMELEO & LOUIS GRECO

WHEREAS, Enrico Tameleo and Louis Greco died in prison following their arrest, trial, and conviction for the murder of Edward Deegan on March 12, 1965, in Suffolk County, Massachusetts;

WHEREAS, the trial testimony connecting Tameleo and Greco with the murder came from John Barboza, who, at the time of his testimony, was a confidential informant of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

WHEREAS, Barboza's testimony, at the time it was given, was known to be false by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and this knowledge was not shared with the Office of the District Attorney for the Suffolk District, which prosecuted Tameleo and Greco;

WHEREAS, in September 2004, on the basis of a Department of Justice investigation into the Boston Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the District Attorney for the Suffolk District moved to vacate, posthumously, the conviction of each man, and posthumous vacatur was granted by the Superior Court for Suffolk County;

WHEREAS, the respective estates of Tameleo and Greco brought a federal civil rights action against the United States regarding the conduct that resulted in their wrongful convictions;

WHEREAS, in that action, the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts concluded that Tameleo and Greco had been innocent of the crimes for which they were convicted, and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been responsible for their wrongful convictions;

WHEREAS, a co-defendant of Tameleo and Greco, likewise convicted on the basis of Barboza's testimony, was granted executive clemency by Governor William F. Weld with the consent of the Executive Council in 1997;

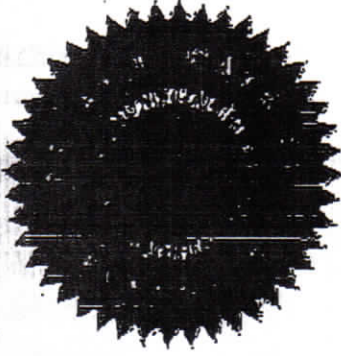
WHEREAS, by that time, Tameleo and Greco had each perished while incarcerated, in 1995 and 1985, respectively, without recourse for their unjust convictions;

WHEREAS, Tameleo and Greco each unsuccessfully petitioned for executive clemency on multiple occasions before their deaths;

WHEREAS, when the Advisory Board of Pardons sought information regarding the aforementioned clemency petitions, the Federal Bureau of Investigation withheld pertinent information that may have supported a grant of clemency or, at minimum, would have opened alternate avenues of relief for each man;

WHEREAS, in light of the full information that is now available to the Commonwealth, our dedication to truth and justice requires us to recognize the unfairness of the circumstances surrounding their trial, the testimony presented at it, and the life sentences that resulted from it;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim that any stigma and disgrace associated with the names of Enrico Tameleo and Louis Greco because of their wrongful convictions is hereby removed; and that, as the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts has expressly found, each was unjustly convicted for crimes he did not commit.



Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston

This 19th day of December in the year two thousand and fourteen and of the Independence of the United States two hundred and thirty-nine

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deval Patrick", written over a horizontal line.

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR
Commonwealth of Massachusetts