

HOUSE No. 1650

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brian M. Ashe

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act designating the last day of February as rare disease day in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Kate D. Campanale</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>

<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>

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By Mr. Ashe of Longmeadow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1650) of Brian M. Ashe and others for the annual issuance of a proclamation by the Governor designating the last day of February as rare disease day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2709 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act designating the last day of February as rare disease day in the Commonwealth.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 1500000,
2 inserted by chapter 238 of the acts of 2012, the following section:—

3 15PPPPP. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting aside the last day of
4 February as Rare Disease Day recommending its observance by the public to increase public
5 awareness of rare diseases which affect millions of Americans resulting in special challenges
6 encountered by patients and their families as well as the impact upon medical professionals,
7 researchers, educators and others who serve the rare disease community and recommending that
8 said day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.