

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2987**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Ruth B. Balsler***

*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 to establish a COVID-19 Remembrance Day.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/8/2023</i>

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By Representative Balsler of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2987) of Ruth B. Balsler, Patricia D. Jehlen and Rebecca L. Rausch for the annual issuance of a proclamation by the Governor setting apart March 10 as COVID-19 remembrance day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)

An Act to establish a COVID-19 Remembrance Day.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting, after section MMMMMM, the following new section:

3 Section NNNNNN. The Governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart  
4 March 10 as COVID-19 Remembrance Day to honor all who died or were stricken and their  
5 families from COVID-19 and subsequent variants especially older adults and people with  
6 disabilities, to appreciate those first responders, caregivers, and researchers who cared for  
7 victims or developed treatments or vaccines in response to the virus, and to evaluate public  
8 health preparedness and response to long-term conditions from the virus, and shall recommend  
9 that the day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.