

HOUSE No. 3016

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mindy Domb and Natalie M. Blais

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 resolution:

Resolutions establishing the annual observance of COVID-19 Remembrance Day.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/23/2023</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>John J. Cronin</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Meghan Kilcoyne</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2023</i>
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2023</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>

<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Steven Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/24/2023</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/3/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/5/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/7/2023</i>
<i>Lydia Edwards</i>	<i>Third Suffolk</i>	<i>3/9/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaña</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/9/2023</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/10/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/13/2023</i>
<i>Ryan M. Hamilton</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>3/13/2023</i>

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By Representatives Domb of Amherst and Blais of Deerfield, a petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 3016) of Mindy Domb, Natalie M. Blais and others for the annual issuance of a proclamation by the Governor designating the first Monday in March as COVID-19 remembrance day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4224 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**
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Resolutions establishing the annual observance of COVID-19 Remembrance Day.

1 SECTION 1. The General Court hereby finds and declares that:

2 (i) the 2019 novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, also known as COVID-19, is a deadly
3 illness caused by a virus that can transmit from person to person;

4 (ii) in 2020, COVID-19 began to spread throughout the world, creating a global
5 pandemic that has had a catastrophic impact on human life, communities in the commonwealth,
6 communities in the United States and the United States economy;

7 (iii) in March 2020, communities in every state began to experience increased loss of life
8 and families lost loved ones, friends and neighbors to the virus;

9 (iv) the governor declared a state of emergency in response to the virus on March 10,
10 2020, which was subsequently terminated on June 15, 2021;

11 (v) beginning in 2020, many across the commonwealth and the United States were, and
12 continue to be, personally impacted by COVID-19, including mourning their loved ones, friends
13 and neighbors or suffering from the long-term health implications of the virus;

14 (vi) as of January 2023, in the commonwealth, there have been more than 1.9 million
15 known cases of COVID-19 and at least 21,500 people who have lost their lives as a result of
16 COVID-19;

17 (vii) as of January 2023, in the United States, there have been more than 101.5 million
18 known cases of the virus in the United States and at least 1 million people who have lost their
19 lives as a result of COVID-19;

20 (vii) WHEREAS, COVID-19 has had a disproportionate impact on low-income
21 communities and communities of color, people with disabilities, people with weakened immune
22 systems, unhoused individuals, and those living in congregate settings, including long term care
23 facilities, exacerbating preexisting inequities;

24 (viii) WHEREAS public servants, frontline and essential workers and health care
25 professionals took selfless actions to protect their neighbors and communities and find
26 innovative ways to provide services;

27 (x) WHEREAS local, state, tribal and federal government entities provided critical
28 support to businesses, communities and the people of the commonwealth and the United States;

29 (xi) WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have an impact on the
30 commonwealth, the United States and countries around the world; and

31 (xii) WHEREAS each life lost to COVID-19, each inequity brought to light and each
32 sacrifice made shall never be forgotten.

33 SECTION 2. Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
34 15LLLLLL the following section:-

35 Section 15MMMMMM. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart
36 the first Monday in March as COVID-19 Remembrance Day, in recognition of those who died
37 from 2019 novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, the suffering of those who contracted
38 COVID-19 and survived but carry with them the long-term health implications of the virus, and
39 to acknowledge the frontline and essential workers who provided services to our communities,
40 and the selfless actions of the many residents of the commonwealth who volunteered to support
41 their neighbors and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic including those members of
42 the National Guard, and recommending the day be observed in an appropriate manner by the
43 people of the commonwealth.