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November 7, 2011

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Clause (2) of the Amendments to the Constitution, as amended by Article LXXXIX, I am filing for your consideration the attached legislation entitled, "An Act Validating Certain Votes Passed by the Town of Athol at the Special Town Meeting Held on January 31, 2011 and Validating the Annual Town Election Held on April 4, 2011."

Senator Brewer and the Athol Board of Selectmen have requested that I file this special legislation on behalf of the Town. The purpose of the legislation is to validate votes and actions

taken at the Town Meeting, held January 31, 2011, and at the 2011 Annual Town Election, held on April 4, 2011. This legislation is necessary because the warrants for the Town Meeting and Election were not published in the Athol Daily News as required by the Town Charter. The bill sponsors are confident that the townspeople did receive adequate notice of the Meeting and Election through a variety of channels including the Town's online calendar, household mailings, and articles in other local publications.

I urge your early and favorable consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRESENTED BY:

Deval Patrick

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

AN ACT VALIDATING CERTAIN VOTES PASSED BY THE TOWN OF ATHOL AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 31, 2011 AND VALIDATING THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HELD ON APRIL 4, 2011. .

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

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