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January 29, 2016

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 appearing in Article LXXXIX of said Amendments, I am filing for your consideration the attached legislation entitled, "An Act Validating the Actions Taken at an Annual Town Meeting Held in the Town of Hudson."

The Hudson Board of Selectmen requested that I file this special legislation on behalf of the Town of Hudson.

The Town discovered that it had not met certain statutory, charter and by-law requirements regarding the posting of the warrant for the annual town meeting held on November 16, 2015. This legislation would validate the acts and votes taken at the meeting and all subsequent actions made as a result of those outcomes.

I urge your early and favorable consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles D. Baker,
Governor

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

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An Act validating the actions taken at an annual town meeting held in the town of Hudson.

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. Notwithstanding section 10 of chapter 39 of the general laws or any other

2 general or special law or town charter provision or by-law to the contrary, all acts, proceedings

3 and votes taken by the town of Hudson at its November 16, 2015 annual town meeting, and all

4 actions taken pursuant thereto and in reliance thereon, are hereby ratified, validated and

5 confirmed to the same extent as if the town had complied with all statutory requirements and

6 town charter provisions and by-laws for posting the warrant for such town meeting.

7   SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.