

SENATE No. 2012

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen

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:	
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/6/2023</i>

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2012) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Rebecca L. Rausch and James B. Eldridge for legislation to establish a 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.