

SENATE No. 2022

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nick Collins

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 resolve:

Resolve establishing a commission on the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the American Revolution.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>

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By Mr. Collins, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 2022) of Nick Collins, Michael J. Barrett, Joseph A. Boncore, Norman J. Orrall and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a commission on the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the American Revolution. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

Resolve establishing a commission on the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the American Revolution.

1 **Resolved**, That there shall be a special commission to investigate and study the
2 promotion and celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the American
3 Revolution.

4 The commission shall consist of: the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on
5 tourism, arts and cultural development, who shall serve as co-chairs; 2 members of the house of
6 representatives, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the house minority leader; 2 members of the
7 senate, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the senate minority leader; 2 members who shall be
8 appointed by the state secretary; 2 members, 1 each of whom shall be appointed by the mayors of
9 the cities of Boston and Cambridge; 4 members, 1 each of whom shall appointed by the select
10 boards of Arlington, Concord, Lexington, and Lincoln; the commissioner of conservation and
11 recreation or a designee; the adjutant general or a

12 designee; the president of the Massachusetts Historical Society or a designee; the
13 executive
14 director of the American Antiquarian Society or a designee; the president of the
15 Massachusetts
16 Council for Social Studies, Inc. or a designee; the executive director of the commission
17 on Indian
18 affairs or a designee; the executive director of the New England Historic Genealogical
19 Society or
20 a designee; the executive director of Preservation Massachusetts or a designee; the
21 executive
22 director of the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities or a designee; the executive
23 director
24 of the Massachusetts cultural council or a designee; the executive director of the
25 Massachusetts
26 Lodging Association, Inc. or a designee; and 15 members who shall be appointed by the
27 governor, 1 of whom shall be a representative of the executive office of education, 1 of
28 whom
29 shall be a representative of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 1 of whom shall be a
30 representative of the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc., 1 of whom shall
31 be a representative of the Museum of African American History in the city of Boston, 2 of whom

32 shall be scholars from an institution of higher learning with expertise in the area of
33 colonial,
34 revolutionary era history or American civics, 1 of whom shall be a member of the greater
35 Boston
36 business community, 2 of whom shall be employees of the National Park Service with
37 experience in geographical areas of the commonwealth of importance to Revolutionary
38 War
39 history, 1 of whom shall be a member of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah, 1
40 of
41 whom shall be a member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, 1 of whom shall be a
42 representative
43 of the Freedom Trail Foundation, Inc., 2 of whom shall be representatives of the office of
44 travel
45 & tourism and 1 of whom shall be a representative of the Massachusetts chapter of the
46 National
47 Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

48 As part of its study and investigation, the commission shall: (i) develop a comprehensive
49 plan for promoting and celebrating the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the
50 American

51 Revolution; (ii) identify all opportunities for individuals, municipalities or other actors
52 across the
53 commonwealth to participate in celebrations of the anniversary and recognize the
54 particular history of their geographical areas; (iii) investigate and promote under-represented
55 voices in the
56 American Revolution including, but not limited to, women, native peoples and persons of
57 color;
58 and (iv) submit a report to the governor, speaker of the house of representatives, president
59 of the
60 senate and clerks of the house of representatives and the senate that may, upon agreement
61 of the
62 governor, speaker of the house of representatives and president of the senate, be
63 published for
64 distribution to the public and that shall contain an overview of the commonwealth's
65 particular
66 role in the American Revolution and notable battles, events and figures of the era.