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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 Relative to a Town Meeting Held in the Town of Rochester."

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

The Town of Rochester discovered after holding a town meeting on June 8, 2015 that a quorum may not have been present. This legislation addresses that possible procedural problem by validating the acts taken at the meeting and all actions taken and relied upon pursuant to those acts.

I urge your early and favorable consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles D. Baker,
Governor

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Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to relative to a town meeting held in the town of Rochester.

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

An Act validating the actions taken at a certain town meeting held in the town of Rochester.

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 13 of chapter 39 or any other general or special
2 law or town by-law to the contrary, acts and proceedings taken by the town of Rochester at the
3 June 8, 2015 town meeting and all actions taken pursuant thereto are ratified, validated and
4 confirmed to the same extent as if a quorum had been present at said meeting.

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