

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1616**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael F. Rush***

*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 recognizing Massachusetts State Parks Day..

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Michael F. Rush*

*Suffolk and Norfolk*

*Edward F. Coppinger*

*10th Suffolk*

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1616) of Michael F. Rush and Edward F. Coppinger for legislation to authorize the Governor to issue a proclamation setting apart the first Wednesday in May as state parks day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3023 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act recognizing Massachusetts State Parks 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                   Massachusetts is home to 450,000 acres of park land; including beaches,  
2 reservoirs, lakes and other natural resources. The health and welfare of people across  
3 Massachusetts depends on the accessibility and quality of the state’s park system. Massachusetts  
4 should aim to enhance and protect its broad array of natural and recreational resources with the  
5 ultimate goal of creating a world class parks system.

6                   Therefore the governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the  
7 first Wednesday in May as Massachusetts State Parks Day in recognition of the importance to  
8 promote, enhance and maintain the Commonwealth’s park land and recreational facilities,  
9 aiming to create a world class parks syste, and recommend that the day be observed in an  
10 appropriate manner by the people.