

HOUSE No. 2782

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Timothy R. Madden

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 establishing Massachusetts Farm-to-School Month and commending farm-to-school programs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>

<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian A. Joyce</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Madden of Nantucket, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2782) of Timothy R. Madden and others for legislation to designate the month of October as Farm to School Month in the Commonwealth and to strategize opportunities to spread farm-to-school programs statewide. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

An Act establishing Massachusetts Farm-to-School Month and commending farm-to-school programs.

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 is hereby amended by inserting after section
2 15XXXXX, inserted by chapter 344 of the acts of 2014, the following section:—

3 Section 15YYYYY. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the
4 month of October as Massachusetts Farm-to-School Month in recognition of the vital role
5 agriculture plays in the culture, heritage and economy of the commonwealth, and to commend
6 the farm-to-school programs which support improved nutrition and academic achievement
7 among the student population and represent potential markets for local farmers, growers, and
8 food producers in school settings; and recommending that the month be observed in an
9 appropriate manner by the people.

10 SECTION 2. The department of elementary and secondary education, the department of
11 agricultural resources, and the department of public health are encouraged to initiate a joint

- 12 taskforce in collaboration with the Massachusetts Farm-to-School Project to strategize
- 13 opportunities to spread farm-to-school programs statewide.