

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4078**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Martin J. Walsh***

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*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 Designating the Second Week of May as Williams Syndrome Awareness Day.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/27/2012</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/28/2012</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/30/2012</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/27/2012</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2012</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2012</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2012</i>
<i>Kathi-Anne Reinstein</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2012</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2012</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2012</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2012</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2012</i>
<i>David B. Sullivan</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2012</i>

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By Mr. Walsh of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Martin J. Walsh and others for legislation to designate the second week of May as Williams Syndrome awareness week. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Twelve**  
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An Act Designating the Second Week of May as Williams Syndrome Awareness 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 Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 1500000  
2 the following section:—

3 15QQQQ. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the second  
4 week of May as Williams Syndrome Awareness Week, to observe this rare genetic condition that  
5 is present at birth, effects more than 25,000 individuals in the United States and is characterized  
6 by lifelong medical problems, including cardiovascular disease, developmental delays, and  
7 learning disabilities and recommending that said day be observed in an appropriate manner by  
8 the people.