

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2772**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Denise Andrews*

*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 relative to the tree or tree emblem of the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>1/17/2013</i>
<i>Scott Hyman</i>		
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2013</i>

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By Ms. Andrews of Orange, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2772) of Denise Andrews, Scott Hyman and Gloria L. Fox for legislation to change the official tree and tree emblem of the Commonwealth from the American elm to the northern red oak. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to the tree or tree emblem of the Commonwealth.

*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 2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 8,  
2 as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

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4           Section 8. The northern red oak (*Quercus rubra*) shall be the tree or tree emblem of the  
5 commonwealth.