

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2899**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Martin J. Walsh***

*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 Week.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	

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By Mr. Walsh of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2899) of Martin J. Walsh and others for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor designating the second week of May as Williams Syndrome awareness week. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4078 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act designating the second week of May as Williams Syndrome Awareness Week.

*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 week be observed in an appropriate manner by  
8 the people.