

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1653**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce J. Ayers*

*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 month of October as adopt a shelter dog month.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>1/17/2017</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2017</i>
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	

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By Mr. Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1653) of Bruce J. Ayers and others for the issuance by the Governor of an annual proclamation setting apart the month of October as adopt a shelter dog awareness month. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act designating the month of October as adopt a shelter dog month.

*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, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after Section 15TTTTT, the following section:

3           Section 15UUUUU. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the  
4 month of October as Adopt a Shelter Dog Month, to increase public awareness and encourage  
5 the adoption of shelter and rescue dogs in Massachusetts, and recommend that the day be  
6 observed in an appropriate manner by the people.