

HOUSE No. 3735

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen Kulik

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 Providing for the Annual Observance of the Month of March as Massachusetts Maple Month and Designating Pure Massachusetts Maple Syrup as the Official Sweetener of the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>4/24/2017</i>

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By Mr. Kulik of Worthington, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Stephen Kulik relative to providing for the annual observance of the month of March as Massachusetts maple month and designating pure Massachusetts maple syrup as the official sweetener of the Commonwealth. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act Providing for the Annual Observance of the Month of March as Massachusetts Maple Month and Designating Pure Massachusetts Maple Syrup as the Official Sweetener of the Commonwealth.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to forthwith set apart the month of March as Massachusetts Maple Month and designate pure Massachusetts maple syrup as the official sweetener of the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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 adding the following
2 section:—

3 Section 64. Pure Massachusetts maple syrup shall be the official sweetener of the
4 commonwealth.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
6 15BBBBBB, inserted by section 1 of chapter 267 of the acts of 2016, the following section:—

7 Section 15CCCCC. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the
8 month of March as Massachusetts Maple Month in recognition of the vital role maple sugaring
9 plays in the agriculture industry, as well as the culture, heritage and economy of the
10 commonwealth. The proclamation shall commend the maple syrup producers that create a
11 natural native sweetener and a versatile ingredient that adds unique flavor enhancing qualities to
12 many dishes and shall recommend that the month be observed in an appropriate manner by the
13 people.