

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1761**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael F. Rush***

*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 first Wednesday in May as State Parks Day.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/7/2017</i>

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1761) of Michael F. Rush and Paul  
McMurtry for legislation to authorize the Governor to issue a proclamation setting apart the first  
Wednesday in May as state parks day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1712 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act designating the first Wednesday in May as State Parks 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, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 15XXXXX, the following section:-

3 Section 15YYYYY. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the  
4 first Wednesday in May as Massachusetts State Parks Day in recognition of the importance to  
5 promote, enhance and maintain the Commonwealth’s park land and recreational facilities,  
6 aiming to create a world class parks system, and recommend that the day be observed in an  
7 appropriate manner by the people.