

HOUSE No. 2666

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brian M. Ashe

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 last day of February as rare disease day in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>

John H. Rogers

12th Norfolk

Michael J. Soter

8th Worcester

Bud L. Williams

11th Hampden

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By Mr. Ashe of Longmeadow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2666) of Brian M. Ashe and others for the annual issuance of a proclamation by the Governor designating the last day of February as rare disease day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1650 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act designating the last day of February as rare disease day in 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 Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 1500000,
2 inserted by chapter 238 of the acts of 2012, the following section:—

3 15PPPPP. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting aside the last day of
4 February as Rare Disease Day recommending its observance by the public to increase public
5 awareness of rare diseases which affect millions of Americans resulting in special challenges
6 encountered by patients and their families as well as the impact upon medical professionals,
7 researchers, educators and others who serve the rare disease community and recommending that
8 said day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.