

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2940**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Hannah Kane and Carolyn C. Dykema*

*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 relative to the creation of a women's rights history trail.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                       | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                        |
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| <i>Hannah Kane</i>          | <i>11th Worcester</i>                    |
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| <i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>      | <i>12th Middlesex</i>                    |
| <i>Christine P. Barber</i>  | <i>34th Middlesex</i>                    |
| <i>John Barrett, III</i>    | <i>1st Berkshire</i>                     |
| <i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>   | <i>37th Middlesex</i>                    |
| <i>Natalie M. Blais</i>     | <i>1st Franklin</i>                      |
| <i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i> | <i>13th Bristol</i>                      |
| <i>Daniel Cahill</i>        | <i>10th Essex</i>                        |
| <i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>  | <i>15th Essex</i>                        |
| <i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>  | <i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i> |
| <i>Claire D. Cronin</i>     | <i>11th Plymouth</i>                     |
| <i>Michael S. Day</i>       | <i>31st Middlesex</i>                    |
| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>   | <i>25th Middlesex</i>                    |
| <i>Diana DiZoglio</i>       | <i>First Essex</i>                       |
| <i>Mindy Domb</i>           | <i>3rd Hampshire</i>                     |

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| <i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>          | <i>10th Plymouth</i>                               |
| <i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>             | <i>8th Essex</i>                                   |
| <i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>            | <i>15th Suffolk</i>                                |
| <i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>       | <i>3rd Berkshire</i>                               |
| <i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>        | <i>1st Worcester</i>                               |
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| <i>Barry R. Finegold</i>           | <i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>                  |
| <i>Sean Garballey</i>              | <i>23rd Middlesex</i>                              |
| <i>Denise C. Garlick</i>           | <i>13th Norfolk</i>                                |
| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i>            | <i>36th Middlesex</i>                              |
| <i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>      | <i>2nd Plymouth</i>                                |
| <i>Anne M. Gobi</i>                | <i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>          | <i>5th Bristol</i>                                 |
| <i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>         | <i>30th Middlesex</i>                              |
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| <i>Kate Hogan</i>                  | <i>3rd Middlesex</i>                               |
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| <i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>         | <i>12th Plymouth</i>                               |
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| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i>              | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i>                             |
| <i>David Paul Linsky</i>           | <i>5th Middlesex</i>                               |
| <i>Joan B. Lovely</i>              | <i>Second Essex</i>                                |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>          | <i>11th Suffolk</i>                                |
| <i>Paul W. Mark</i>                | <i>2nd Berkshire</i>                               |
| <i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>    | <i>28th Middlesex</i>                              |
| <i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>           | <i>18th Worcester</i>                              |
| <i>Paul McMurtry</i>               | <i>11th Norfolk</i>                                |
| <i>Joan Meschino</i>               | <i>3rd Plymouth</i>                                |
| <i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>      | <i>14th Essex</i>                                  |
| <i>Liz Miranda</i>                 | <i>5th Suffolk</i>                                 |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i>            | <i>Second Worcester</i>                            |
| <i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>      | <i>9th Worcester</i>                               |

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| <i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>        | <i>18th Essex</i>                     |
| <i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>  | <i>3rd Bristol</i>                    |
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| <i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>     | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>David Allen Robertson</i> | <i>19th Middlesex</i>                 |
| <i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i>                  |
| <i>Michael J. Soter</i>      | <i>8th Worcester</i>                  |
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| <i>William M. Straus</i>     | <i>10th Bristol</i>                   |
| <i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>    | <i>7th Plymouth</i>                   |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>         | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>      |
| <i>Aaron Vega</i>            | <i>5th Hampden</i>                    |
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| <i>RoseLee Vincent</i>       | <i>16th Suffolk</i>                   |

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to the creation of a women's rights history trail.

*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 161B of the General Laws as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 28. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary the secretary,  
4 in cooperation with the executive director of the office of travel and tourism, in this section  
5 called “executive director”, shall develop and implement a “Women’s Rights History Trail”  
6 program. Said program shall promote education and awareness of the struggle for women’s  
7 rights throughout history.

8 (b) The women’s rights history trail shall include, but shall not be limited to properties  
9 and sites that tell the story of the struggle for women’s suffrage. The secretary and executive  
10 director shall seek the advice of local government officials or entities and interested groups to  
11 identify properties and sites that are historically and thematically associated with the struggle for  
12 women’s rights and women’s suffrage to be a part of the trail. These properties and sites shall  
13 include, but not be limited to, the Susan B. Anthony House located in the town of Adams, the

14 Orchard House located in the town of Concord, Brinley Hall located in the city of Worcester, and  
15 the Sojourner Truth Memorial located in the city of Northampton. The secretary and executive  
16 director shall develop the women’s rights history trail so that it is relatively simple and easy to  
17 follow for patrons.

18 (c) The secretary and executive director shall produce and disseminate appropriate  
19 educational materials regarding the trail route, such as handbooks, maps, exhibits, signs,  
20 interpretive guides, and electronic information.

21 (d) The executive director shall develop vacation itineraries based on the women’s rights  
22 history trail, which shall identify for visitors surrounding attractions, restaurants, farms, lodging  
23 and other exhibits or places of entertainment as may be a part of the historical theme linking the  
24 properties and sites on the women’s rights history trail. The executive director shall develop  
25 discount packages for such women’s rights history trail, which may include the development of a  
26 women’s rights history trail passport.

27 (e) The secretary is authorized to permit the erection and maintenance of signs on the  
28 state highway system or trails designated pursuant to this section; provided however, that the  
29 trail designation shall be of a ceremonial nature and the official names of such highways shall  
30 not be changed as a result of such designations.