

SENATE No. 1840

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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 establishing Massachusetts Freedom Day.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1840) of James B. Eldridge and Mary S. Keefe for legislation to establish Massachusetts Freedom Day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

An Act establishing Massachusetts Freedom 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 SECTION 1. Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
2 12V in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:-

3 Section 12V. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the Tuesday
4 next after the first Monday in the month of November as Massachusetts Freedom Day and
5 recommending that it be observed by the people, with appropriate exercises in the schools and
6 otherwise, to celebrate free and fair elections, which are the cornerstone of a vibrant, successful
7 democracy, by protecting the freedom to vote for all residents of the commonwealth.