

SENATE No. 2945

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

SENATE, November 9, 2020.

The committee on Rules to whom was referred the Senate Bill establishing a commission on the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution (Senate, No. 2452),-- reports, that the matter be placed in the Orders of the Day with an amendment substituting a “Resolve establishing a commission on the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the American Revolution” (Senate, No. 2945).

For the committee,
Joan B. Lovely

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Resolve establishing a commission on the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the American Revolution.

1 ~~Resolved~~, That there shall be a special commission to investigate and study the
2 promotion and celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the American
3 Revolution.

4 The commission shall consist of: the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on
5 tourism, arts and cultural development, who shall serve as co-chairs; 2 members of the house of
6 representatives, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the house minority leader; 2 members of the
7 senate, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the senate minority leader; 2 members who shall be
8 appointed by the state secretary; 1 member who shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of
9 Boston; the commissioner of conservation and recreation or a designee; the adjutant general or a
10 designee; the president of the Massachusetts Historical Society or a designee; the executive
11 director of the American Antiquarian Society or a designee; the president of the Massachusetts
12 Council for Social Studies, Inc. or a designee; the executive director of the commission on Indian
13 affairs or a designee; the executive director of the New England Historic Genealogical Society or
14 a designee; the executive director of Preservation Massachusetts or a designee; the executive
15 director of the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities or a designee; the executive director

16 of the Massachusetts cultural council or a designee; the executive director of the Massachusetts
17 Lodging Association, Inc. or a designee; and 15 members who shall be appointed by the
18 governor, 1 of whom shall be a representative of the executive office of education, 1 of whom
19 shall be a representative of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 1 of whom shall be a
20 representative of the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc., 1 of whom shall be a
21 representative of the Museum of African American History in the city of Boston, 2 of whom
22 shall be scholars from an institution of higher learning with expertise in the area of colonial,
23 revolutionary era history or American civics, 1 of whom shall be a member of the greater Boston
24 business community, 2 of whom shall be employees of the National Park Service with
25 experience in geographical areas of the commonwealth of importance to Revolutionary War
26 history, 1 of whom shall be a member of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah, 1 of
27 whom shall be a member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, 1 of whom shall be a representative
28 of the Freedom Trail Foundation, Inc., 2 of whom shall be representatives of the office of travel
29 & tourism and 1 of whom shall be a representative of the Massachusetts chapter of the National
30 Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

31 As part of its study and investigation, the commission shall: (i) develop a comprehensive
32 plan for promoting and celebrating the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the American
33 Revolution; (ii) identify all opportunities for individuals, municipalities or other actors across the
34 commonwealth to participate in celebrations of the anniversary and recognize the particular
35 history of their geographical areas; (iii) investigate and promote under-represented voices in the
36 American Revolution including, but not limited to, women, native peoples and persons of color;
37 and (iv) submit a report to the governor, speaker of the house of representatives, president of the
38 senate and clerks of the house of representatives and the senate that may, upon agreement of the

39 governor, speaker of the house of representatives and president of the senate, be published for
40 distribution to the public and that shall contain an overview of the commonwealth's particular
41 role in the American Revolution and notable battles, events and figures of the era.