

HOUSE No. 2400

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jon Santiago

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 regarding racism as a public health crisis.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/11/2021</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/16/2021</i>
<i>Orlando Ramos</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>3/1/2021</i>

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By Mr. Santiago of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2400) of Jon Santiago and others relative to classify racism as a public health crisis. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act regarding racism as a public health crisis.

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. The commissioner of public health shall direct appropriate department of
2 public health staff to research and make a report and recommendation to the public health
3 council, commissioner of public health, secretary of health and human services, and governor as
4 to whether racism should be declared a public health crisis in Massachusetts. In addition to the
5 recommendation, the report should identify key strategies to combat racism and its public health
6 impacts.