

HOUSE No. 3117

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michelle L. Ciccolo

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 July 8 as Massachusetts Emancipation Day a.k.a. Quock Walker Day.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/17/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/13/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>5/6/2021</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/7/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>5/10/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>5/10/2021</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/1/2021</i>
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>7/19/2021</i>

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By Ms. Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3117) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and others for the annual issuance of a proclamation by the Governor setting apart July 8th as Massachusetts Emancipation Day, also to be known as Quock Walker Day, in recognition of the declaration of rights that rendered slavery unconstitutional in the Commonwealth. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

An Act designating July 8 as Massachusetts Emancipation Day a.k.a. Quock Walker 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, as so appearing in the 2018 official edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 15IIIIII, the following section:-

3 Section 15JJJJJ. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart July 8th
4 as Massachusetts Emancipation Day a.k.a. Quock Walker Day, in recognition of July 8, 1783,
5 when the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled that the constitution of the
6 commonwealth’s declaration of rights rendered slavery unconstitutional, as well as the
7 significant contributions made by Quock Walker to abolish slavery in the commonwealth, and
8 recommending that the day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.