

HOUSE No. 3160

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James K. Hawkins

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 making October 25th Dwarfism awareness day in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>James K. Hawkins</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i> | <i>1/11/2021</i> |
| <i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i> | <i>12th Hampden</i> | <i>1/27/2021</i> |
| <i>Brian M. Ashe</i> | <i>2nd Hampden</i> | <i>2/1/2021</i> |
| <i>Steven Ultrino</i> | <i>33rd Middlesex</i> | <i>2/8/2021</i> |
| <i>David F. DeCoste</i> | <i>5th Plymouth</i> | <i>2/8/2021</i> |
| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i> | <i>4th Bristol</i> | <i>2/8/2021</i> |
| <i>Danillo A. Sena</i> | <i>37th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Christina A. Minicucci</i> | <i>14th Essex</i> | <i>11/17/2021</i> |

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By Mr. Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3160) of James K. Hawkins and others relative to making October 25th Dwarfism awareness day 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 making October 25th Dwarfism awareness day in the Commonwealth.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Whereas: The Little People of America was founded in 1957 by Billy Barty, who was an
2 actor and little person in the filming industry, who started the organization in Nevada, from there
3 on we have become a big group.

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5 Whereas: There are over 30,000 of us with dwarfism. We meet in our district groups
6 during the fall and spring, there are 13 districts in the United states. Then for the summer we
7 meet nationally in a different state each year.

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9 Whereas: Members of the Little People of America and people with dwarfism have been
10 subjected to some uncomfortable situations, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts feels that with

11 better understanding of little people or someone of short stature, we seek to make a difference in
12 the life of someone with dwarfism.

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14 Whereas: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts wishes for people to understand that
15 people with dwarfism are the same as an average height person but have to navigate the world a
16 little differently. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts wishes for everyone that is different to be
17 afforded the same respect.

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19 Whereas: The Little People of America is working towards having October 25th become
20 National Dwarfism Awareness Day.

21 Therefore: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts officially declares October 25th
22 Dwarfism Awareness Day and recognizes it as such.