

SENATE No. 2022

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nick Collins

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 resolve:

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

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>

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By Mr. Collins, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 2022) of Nick Collins, Michael J. Barrett, Joseph A. Boncore, Norman J. Orrall and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a commission on the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the American Revolution. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

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; 2 members, 1 each of whom shall be appointed by the mayors of
9 the cities of Boston and Cambridge; 4 members, 1 each of whom shall appointed by the select
10 boards of Arlington, Concord, Lexington, and Lincoln; the commissioner of conservation and
11 recreation or a designee; the adjutant general or a designee; the president of the Massachusetts
12 Historical Society or a designee; the executive director of the American Antiquarian Society or a
13 designee; the president of the Massachusetts Council for Social Studies, Inc. or a designee; the

14 executive director of the commission on Indian affairs or a designee; the executive director of the
15 New England Historic Genealogical Society or a designee; the executive director of Preservation
16 Massachusetts or a designee; the executive

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

33 As part of its study and investigation, the commission shall: (i) develop a comprehensive
34 plan for promoting and celebrating the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the American
35 Revolution; (ii) identify all opportunities for individuals, municipalities or other actors across the

36 commonwealth to participate in celebrations of the anniversary and recognize the particular
37 history of their geographical areas; (iii) investigate and promote under-represented voices in the
38 American Revolution including, but not limited to, women, native peoples and persons of color;
39 and (iv) submit a report to the governor, speaker of the house of representatives, president of the
40 senate and clerks of the house of representatives and the senate that may, upon agreement of the
41 governor, speaker of the house of representatives and president of the senate, be published for
42 distribution to the public and that shall contain an overview of the commonwealth's particular
43 role in the American Revolution and notable battles, events and figures of the era.