

SENATE No. 2058

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Feeney

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 the last day of February as rare disease day in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>

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By Mr. Feeney, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2058) of Paul R. Feeney and Hannah Kane for legislation to designate the last day of February as rare disease 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 designating the last day of February as rare disease 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 Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 1500000,
2 inserted by chapter 238 of the acts of 2012, the following section:—

3 15PPPPP. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting aside the last day of
4 February as Rare Disease Day recommending its observance by the public to increase public
5 awareness of rare diseases which affect millions of Americans resulting in special challenges
6 encountered by patients and their families as well as the impact upon medical professionals,
7 researchers, educators and others who serve the rare disease community and recommending that
8 said day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.