

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4240**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Antonio F. D. Cabral***

*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 to establish Noah Fernandes mitochondrial disease awareness day.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>1/3/2024</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2024</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2024</i>
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2024</i>

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By Representative Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Antonio F. D. Cabral for the annual issuance by the Governor of a proclamation setting apart the Friday of the third full week of September as Noah Fernandes Mitochondrial Disease awareness day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

An Act to establish Noah Fernandes mitochondrial disease awareness 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 appearing in the Official 2020 Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after Section 15ZZZZZZ, the following section:

3 Section XXX. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the Friday  
4 of the third full week of September as Noah Fernandes Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Day,  
5 in recognition of the Team Noah Foundation, whose goal is to alleviate the financial and  
6 emotional stress by providing transportation and home improvements to families with children  
7 who are affected by Mitochondrial Disease and other developmental disabilities and  
8 recommending that the day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.