

HOUSE No. 4862

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan Meschino and Patrick M. O'Connor

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 veterans suicide awareness and remembrance day.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>	<i>3/18/2024</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/18/2024</i>

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By Representative Meschino of Hull and Senator O'Connor, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joan Meschino and Patrick M. O'Connor for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate September 22 as military service members and veterans suicide awareness and remembrance day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

An Act designating veterans suicide awareness and remembrance 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 Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 15AAAAAA, the following section:-

3 Section 15AAAAAA. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart
4 September 22nd as Military Service Members and Veterans Suicide Awareness and
5 Remembrance Day, in recognition and in honor of fallen service members and veterans and their
6 families, to acknowledge that suicide among service members and veterans is an epidemic, to
7 foster awareness of suicide among service members and veterans, and to call for suicide
8 prevention measures for service members and veterans, and thereby to support the service
9 members and veterans who dedicate their lives to protect and to serve our country, and shall
10 recommend that the day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people of the
11 Commonwealth of Massachusetts.