

HOUSE No. 5078

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Antonio F. D. Cabral and Michael J. Rodrigues

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 relative to Machado-Joseph Disease Awareness Day.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>10/2/2024</i>
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>10/2/2024</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>10/7/2024</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>10/7/2024</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>10/7/2024</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>10/7/2024</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>10/15/2024</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>	<i>10/15/2024</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>10/15/2024</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>10/15/2024</i>

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By Representative Cabral of New Bedford and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Antonio F. D. Cabral, Michael J. Rodrigues and others for the annual issuance of a proclamation by the Governor setting apart July 2 as Machado-Joseph 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 relative to Machado-Joseph 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 2022 Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after Section 15ZZZZZZ, the following section:

3 Section XXX. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation designating July 2 as
4 Machado-Joseph Disease Awareness Day in recognition of the thousands of individuals
5 impacted by the hereditary Machado-Joseph Disease in Massachusetts and the need for increased
6 public recognition, support, and awareness of this neurodegenerative disorder that
7 disproportionately affects families of Portuguese-Azorean descent.