

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2192**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Liz Miranda*

*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 to establish a Massachusetts Cabo Verdean Cultural Center.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>	
<i>Lydia Edwards</i>	<i>Third Suffolk</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>

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By Ms. Miranda, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 2192) of Liz Miranda and Lydia Edwards that provisions be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the feasibility of a Massachusetts Cabo Verdean Cultural Center in the city of Boston. Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

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

Resolve to establish a Massachusetts Cabo Verdean Cultural Center.

1           **Resolved**, There shall be a special legislative commission established pursuant to section  
2 2A of chapter 4 of the General Laws to investigate and study the feasibility of establishing a  
3 statewide Massachusetts Cabo Verdean Cultural Center in the City of Boston. The commission  
4 shall investigate and study various methods for establishing a Massachusetts Cabo Verdean  
5 Cultural Center in the City of Boston including, but not limited to, the creation of a nonprofit  
6 organization to oversee the construction and management of the Massachusetts Cabo Verdean  
7 Cultural Center to represent the over 200 years history of Cabo Verdeans in the Commonwealth  
8 of Massachusetts and shall consider the costs of each method.

9           Members of the commission shall represent cities or towns with Cabo Verdean people or  
10 heritage and consist of: 3 members of the house of representatives, 3 of whom shall be of Cabo  
11 Verdean descent or represent a district with a significant population of Cabo Verdean people,  
12 and 2 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and 1 of whom  
13 shall be appointed by the house minority leader; 3 members of the senate, 3 of whom shall be of

14 Cabo Verdean descent or represent a district with a significant population of Cabo Verdean  
15 people, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the senate president, and 1 of whom shall be appointed  
16 by the senate minority leader; 1 person to be appointed by the mayor of the city of Boston; 1  
17 person to be appointed by the governor; and not more than 15 additional members from across  
18 the commonwealth of Massachusetts. 3 members of the House of Representatives and 3  
19 members of the Massachusetts Senate shall consider and approve the appointments of not more  
20 than 15 additional members of the commission, who shall elect two co-chairs.

21 All appointments to the commission shall be made not later than June 30, 2023. The  
22 commission shall report its findings, including any recommendations for legislation, to the clerks  
23 of the house of representatives and the senate not later than December 31, 2024.