

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3298**

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**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>1/14/2025</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>	<i>2/4/2025</i>

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By Representative Cabral of New Bedford and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3298) of Antonio F. D. Cabral, Michael J. Rodrigues and Christopher M. Markey 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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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 5078 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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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 Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Official 2022 Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after Section 15ZZZZZZ, the following section:

3 Section AAAAAAA. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation designating July  
4 2 as 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.