

HOUSE No. 3430

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marcus S. Vaughn and Hannah Kane

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 Diwali Day as a state holiday.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/22/2025</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2025</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2025</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/30/2025</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/9/2025</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>5/20/2025</i>
<i>Francisco E. Paulino</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>3/11/2025</i>
<i>Joshua Tarsky</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/27/2025</i>

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By Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham and Kane of Shrewsbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3430) of Marcus S. Vaughn, Hannah Kane and others for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate the fifteenth day of the Hindu lunisolar month of Kartik as Diwali day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act designating Diwali Day as a state holiday.

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 2022 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by adding after Section 15ZZZZZZ, the following section:-

3 Section 15AAAAAAA. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting aside
4 the fifteenth day of the Hindu lunisolar month of Kartik as the official Diwali Day, establishing
5 the day as a state holiday, recommending its observance by the people as a period of special
6 attention in recognition of the Diwali celebration known as the “Festival of Lights”, a five day
7 long festival where the third day is a day of thanksgiving and reflection celebrated worldwide
8 and by millions of Americans.