

HOUSE No.

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>

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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)**

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 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.