

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce J. Ayers

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 the month of October as adopt a shelter dog month.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act designating the month of October as adopt a shelter dog month.

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 is hereby amended by inserting after Section
2 15TTTTT, the following section:

3 Section 15UUUUU. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the
4 month of October as Adopt a Shelter Dog Month, to increase public awareness and encourage
5 the adoption of shelter and rescue dogs in Massachusetts, and recommend that the day be
6 observed in an appropriate manner by the people.