

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kristin E. Kassner and Bruce E. Tarr

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 April 5 as Okur-Chung Neurodevelopmental Syndrome Awareness Day.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kristin E. Kassner</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>1/11/2025</i>
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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4070 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act designating April 5 as Okur-Chung Neurodevelopmental Syndrome 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 2022 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 15ZZZZZZ, the following section:-

3 Section 15AAAAAAA. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart
4 April 5 as Okur-Chung Neurodevelopmental Syndrome (OCNDS) Awareness Day, to raise
5 awareness of this rare genetic disorder caused by heterozygous mutations in the CSNK2A1 gene
6 on chromosome 20 and manifesting as developmental delay or differences in brain function,
7 which can be managed with early therapy, and recommending that the day be observed in an
8 appropriate manner by the people.