

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan Meschino

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 veterans suicide awareness and remembrance day.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/7/2025</i>
<i>Homar Gómez</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/8/2025</i>
<i>Justin Thurber</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>1/8/2025</i>
<i>Richard G. Wells, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/8/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4862 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act designating veterans suicide awareness and remembrance 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 so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 15ZZZZZZ, the following section:-

3 Section 15AAAAAAA. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart
4 September 22nd as Military Service Members and Veterans Suicide Awareness and
5 Remembrance Day, in recognition and in honor of fallen service members and veterans and their
6 families, to acknowledge that suicide among service members and veterans is an epidemic, to
7 foster awareness of suicide among service members and veterans, and to call for suicide
8 prevention measures for service members and veterans, and thereby to support the service
9 members and veterans who dedicate their lives to protect and to serve our country, and shall
10 recommend that the day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people of the
11 Commonwealth of Massachusetts.