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SENATE . . . . . No. 2145

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Feeney

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 October 15 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Paul R. Feeney	*Bristol and Norfolk*	
Jason M. Lewis	*Fifth Middlesex*	*2/12/2025*
Hannah Kane	*11th Worcester*	*2/18/2025*
Michael O. Moore	*Second Worcester*	*7/15/2025*

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By Mr. Feeney, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2145) of Paul R. Feeney, Jason M. Lewis and Hannah Kane for legislation to designate October 15 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *2005* OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act designating October 15 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss 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:

Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 15LLLLLL the following section:-

15MMMMMM. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting aside the date of October 15 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day recommending its observance by the public to increase public awareness of the prevalence of pregnancy loss and the physical and mental toll individuals face following a pregnancy loss, an unsuccessful round of intrauterine insemination or of an assisted reproductive technology procedure, a failed adoption arrangement, a failed surrogacy arrangement, a diagnosis or event that impacts pregnancy or fertility, a stillbirth or the death of the newborn child. The governor shall further recommend that said day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.