

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2184**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael O. Moore***

*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 Diwali Day as a state holiday.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/13/2025</i>
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/21/2025</i>
<i>Francisco E. Paulino</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>1/21/2025</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2025</i>
<i>John J. Cronin</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2025</i>
<i>Estela A. Reyes</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>2/4/2025</i>
<i>Simon Cataldo</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2025</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2025</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2025</i>
<i>Robyn K. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>5/16/2025</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>10/20/2025</i>

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2184) of Michael O. Moore, Hannah Kane, Edward R. Philips, Francisco E. Paulino and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish Diwali Day in the commonwealth. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act designating Diwali Day as a state holiday.

*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 adding after Section 15ZZZZZZ, the following section:-

3 Section 15AAAAAAA. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting aside  
4 the fifteenth day of the Hindu lunisolar month of Kartik as the official Diwali Day, establishing  
5 the day as a state holiday, recommending its observance by the people as a period of special  
6 attention in recognition of the Diwali celebration known as the “Festival of Lights”, a five day  
7 long festival where the third day is a day of thanksgiving and reflection celebrated worldwide  
8 and by millions of Americans.