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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Martin J. Walsh

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 Second Week of May as Williams Syndrome Awareness Day.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Martin J. Walsh	*13th Suffolk*
Angelo M. Scaccia	*14th Suffolk*
John W. Scibak	*2nd Hampshire*
Geoff Diehl	*7th Plymouth*
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*
Jennifer E. Benson	*37th Middlesex*
Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	*16th Suffolk*
Alice Hanlon Peisch	*14th Norfolk*
Patricia A. Haddad	*5th Bristol*
Kate Hogan	*3rd Middlesex*
Linda Dorcena Forry	*12th Suffolk*
David B. Sullivan	*6th Bristol*

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By Mr. Walsh of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Martin J. Walsh and others for legislation to designate the second week of May as Williams Syndrome awareness week. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

An Act Designating the Second Week of May as Williams 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:

Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 15OOOOO the following section:—

15QQQQQ. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the second week of May as Williams Syndrome Awareness Week, to observe this rare genetic condition that is present at birth, effects more than 25,000 individuals in the United States and is characterized by lifelong medical problems, including cardiovascular disease, developmental delays, and learning disabilities and recommending that said day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.