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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael F. Rush

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 recognizing Massachusetts State Parks Day..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Michael F. Rush	*Suffolk and Norfolk*
Edward F. Coppinger	*10th Suffolk*

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1616) of Michael F. Rush and Edward F. Coppinger for legislation to authorize the Governor to issue a proclamation setting apart the first Wednesday in May as state parks day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *3023* OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act recognizing Massachusetts State Parks Day..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Massachusetts is home to 450,000 acres of park land; including beaches, reservoirs, lakes and other natural resources. The health and welfare of people across Massachusetts depends on the accessibility and quality of the state's park system. Massachusetts should aim to enhance and protect its broad array of natural and recreational resources with the ultimate goal of creating a world class parks system.

Therefore the governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the first Wednesday in May as Massachusetts State Parks Day in recognition of the importance to promote, enhance and maintain the Commonwealth's park land and recreational facilities, aiming to create a world class parks syste, and recommend that the day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.