

HOUSE No.

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act Recognizing Massachusetts State Parks Day.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Michael F. Rush

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

10th Suffolk

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RECOGNIZING MASSACHUSETTS STATE PARKS DAY.

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

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4 Section 1: Massachusetts is home to 450,000 acres of park land; including beaches, reservoirs,
5 lakes and other natural resources. The health and welfare of people across Massachusetts
6 depends on the accessibility and quality of the state's park system. Massachusetts should aim
7 to enhance and protect its broad array of natural and recreational resources with the ultimate
8 goal of creating a world class parks system.

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

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