

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. Tolman**

*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 establishing disability history month.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
William C. Galvin	6th Norfolk
Michael W. Morrissey	Norfolk and Plymouth
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Robert A. O'Leary	Cape and Islands
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex
William N. Brownsberger	24th Middlesex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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## AN ACT ESTABLISHING DISABILITY HISTORY MONTH.

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

1           An Act Establishing a Disability History Month.

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3           Section 15 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
4           adding after Section 15CCCCC the following section:-

5           Section 15DDDDD. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the month of  
6           October as Disability History Month to increase awareness and understanding of the  
7           contributions that people with disabilities in our state, nation and the world have made to our  
8           society. Appropriate state agencies and cities and towns and public schools and colleges shall  
9           establish programs designed to educate and promote these objectives.