

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1713**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John W. Scibak***

*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 shaken baby syndrome awareness week.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1713) of John W. Scibak and others for the annual issuance of a proclamation by the Governor setting apart the third full week in April as shaken baby syndrome awareness week. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2824 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act designating shaken baby syndrome awareness week.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 15TTTTT, the following section: -

3           SECTION 15UUUUU. The Governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart  
4 the third full week in April as “Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week” in recognition of the  
5 number of children and families in the Commonwealth affected by Shaken Baby Syndrome and  
6 the need for increased public awareness, research and support for victims and their families, and  
7 recommending that the week be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.