HOUSE No. 2984

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce J. Ayers

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 month of October as adopt a shelter dog month.

PETITION OF:

Name:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Bruce J. Ayers	1st Norfolk	1/18/2023

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By Representative Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2984) of Bruce J. Ayers for the issuance by the Governor of an annual proclamation setting apart the month of October as adopt a shelter dog awareness month. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. *3102* OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court (2023-2024)

An Act designating the month of October as adopt a shelter dog month.

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

- SECTION 1. Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after Section
- 2 15TTTTT, the following section:
- 3 Section 15UUUUU. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the
- 4 month of October as Adopt a Shelter Dog Month, to increase public awareness and encourage
- 5 the adoption of shelter and rescue dogs in Massachusetts, and recommend that the day be
- 6 observed in an appropriate manner by the people.