

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3192**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jack Patrick Lewis and Maria Duaine Robinson***

*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 establishing an Overdose Awareness Day.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>3/2/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>3/10/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>

<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/10/2021</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/12/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/14/2021</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>3/24/2021</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>3/24/2021</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/26/2021</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/29/2021</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>

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By Representatives Lewis of Framingham and Robinson of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3192) of Jack Patrick Lewis, Maria Duaine Robinson and others for the annual issuance of a proclamation by the Governor setting apart August 31 as overdose awareness day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act establishing an Overdose Awareness Day.

*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 so appearing in the 2018 official edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 15IIIIII, the following section:-

3           Section 15JJJJJ. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart August  
4 31 as Overdose Awareness Day, in memory of the many lives lost to overdose in the  
5 Commonwealth and to raise awareness and reduce the stigma of substance use disorders and  
6 overdose, and recommending that the day be observed by lowering the flag of the Massachusetts  
7 State House to half-staff, and in an appropriate manner by the people.