

HOUSE No. 4070

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kristin E. Kassner and Bruce E. Tarr

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 April 5 as Okur-Chung Neurodevelopmental Syndrome Awareness Day.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kristin E. Kassner</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>4/4/2023</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>4/4/2023</i>
<i>Jillian Kavanaugh</i>	<i>33 Crescent Road, Hamilton, MA 01982</i>	<i>4/4/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/10/2023</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>4/14/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/2/2023</i>

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By Representative Kassner of Hamilton and Senator Tarr, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kristin E. Kassner, Bruce E. Tarr and others for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate April 5 as Okur-Chung Neurodevelopmental Syndrome awareness day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

An Act designating April 5 as Okur-Chung Neurodevelopmental Syndrome 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 Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 15ZZZZZZ, the following section:-

3 Section 15AAAAAAA. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart
4 April 5 as Okur-Chung Neurodevelopmental Syndrome (OCNDS) Awareness Day, to raise
5 awareness of this rare genetic disorder caused by heterozygous mutations in the CSNK2A1 gene
6 on chromosome 20 and manifesting as developmental delay or differences in brain function,
7 which can be managed with early therapy, and recommending that the day be observed in an
8 appropriate manner by the people.