

HOUSE No. 4240

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Antonio F. D. Cabral

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 to establish Noah Fernandes mitochondrial disease awareness day.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>1/3/2024</i>

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By Representative Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Antonio F. D. Cabral for the annual issuance by the Governor of a proclamation setting apart the Friday of the third full week of September as Noah Fernandes Mitochondrial Disease awareness day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

An Act to establish Noah Fernandes mitochondrial disease 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 appearing in the Official 2020 Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after Section 15ZZZZZZ, the following section:

3 Section XXX. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the Friday
4 of the third full week of September as Noah Fernandes Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Day,
5 in recognition of the Team Noah Foundation, whose goal is to alleviate the financial and
6 emotional stress by providing transportation and home improvements to families with children
7 who are affected by Mitochondrial Disease and other developmental disabilities and
8 recommending that the day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.