

SENATE No. 2005

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Feeney

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 October 15 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>

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By Mr. Feeney, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2005) of Paul R. Feeney and Jason M. Lewis for legislation to designate October 15 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss 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 October 15 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss 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 15LLLLLL the following section:-

3 15MMMMMM. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting aside the date
4 of October 15 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day recommending its observance by
5 the public to increase public awareness of the prevalence of pregnancy loss and the physical and
6 mental toll individuals face following a pregnancy loss, an unsuccessful round of intrauterine
7 insemination or of an assisted reproductive technology procedure, a failed adoption arrangement,
8 a failed surrogacy arrangement, a diagnosis or event that impacts pregnancy or fertility, a
9 stillbirth or the death of the newborn child. The governor shall further recommend that said day
10 be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.