

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1469**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Steven A. Tolman**

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

**An Act establishing disability history month.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Steven A. Tolman	2 <sup>nd</sup> Suffolk and Middlesex
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
William C. Galvin	6th Norfolk
Michael W. Morrissey	Norfolk and Plymouth
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Robert A. O'Leary	Cape and Islands
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex
William N. Brownsberger	24th Middlesex
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
Robert S. Hargraves	1st Middlesex
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex
Jennifer L. Flanagan	Worcester and Middlesex
Thomas P. Kennedy	Second Plymouth and Bristol
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Michael F. Rush	10th Suffolk
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk

James Cantwell	4th Plymouth
Kate Hogan	3rd Middlesex
James Dwyer	30th Middlesex
Bill Bowles	2nd Bristol
Danielle W. Gregoire	4th Middlesex
Joseph R. Driscoll, Jr.	5th Norfolk
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk
Brian A. Joyce	Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT ESTABLISHING DISABILITY HISTORY MONTH.

*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 15 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by adding after Section 15CCCCC the following section:- Section 15DDDDD. The  
3 governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the month of October as Disability  
4 History Month to increase awareness and understanding of the contributions that people with  
5 disabilities in our state, nation and the world have made to our society. Appropriate state  
6 agencies and cities and towns and public schools and colleges shall establish programs designed  
7 to educate and promote these objectives.