

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 4, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Executive Departments and Administration to which was referred HB 283,

AN ACT proclaiming April 11 as Wentworth Cheswill

Day. Having considered the same, report the same with

the following amendment, and the recommendation

that the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.

Rep. Dianne Schuett

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Executive Departments and Administration
Bill Number:	HB 283
Title:	proclaiming April 11 as Wentworth Cheswill Day.
Date:	March 4, 2021
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2021-0540h

STATEMENT OF INTENT

As a result of the introduction and testimony on this bill, the ED&A Committee learned that Mr. Wentworth Cheswill, a gentleman of color, was a Revolutionary War veteran who served the town of Newmarket in many capacities. He is thought to be the first African-American elected official in the United States. This bill recognizes the 275th anniversary of his birth on April 11, 1746. The amendment places the requirement for the celebration in session law rather than in statute.

Vote 18-0.

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Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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12 Revolutionary War veteran and served under John Langdon in Langdon's Company of Light Horse
13 Volunteers. He was an elected Newmarket town official and served the town in various elected town
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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill proclaims April 11, 2021 as Wentworth Cheswill Day.

Archived: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:30:56 AM
From: [Miriam Simmons](#)
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 8:56:46 AM
To: [Miriam Simmons](#)
Subject: CR for HB 283
Response requested: No
Importance: Normal

From: Carol McGuire <mcguire4house@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 3:54 PM
To: [Miriam Simmons](mailto:miriam.simmons@leg.state.nh.us) <miriam.simmons@leg.state.nh.us>; [Pam Smarling](mailto:Pam.Smarling@leg.state.nh.us) <Pam.Smarling@leg.state.nh.us>
Subject: Fwd: HB 283

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From: **Dianne Schuett** <Dianne.Schuett@leg.state.nh.us>
Date: Thu, Mar 4, 2021 at 3:21 PM
Subject: Blurb for HB 283
To: Carol McGuire <mcguire4house@gmail.com>

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Rep. Dianne E. Schuett for the committee

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS & ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on Bill # HB 283

BILL TITLE: ~~HB~~ - PROCLAIMING APRIL 11 AS WENTWORTH CHESWILL DAY.

DATE: 3-4-21

LOB ROOM: 206-208

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
- Adoption of Amendment # 0540H
(if offered)
- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. SCHWETT Seconded by Rep. McGUIRE Vote: 18-0

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- OTP/A
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Moved by Rep. SCHWETT Seconded by Rep. PEARSON Vote: 18-0

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CONSENT CALENDAR: X YES _____ NO

Minority Report? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, author, Rep: _____ Motion _____

Respectfully submitted: John Sytek
Rep. John Sytek, Clerk



2021 SESSION

Executive Departments and Administration

Bill #: HB 263 Motion: ADOPT AMENDMENT ^{OSTO H} AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 3-4-21

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
McGuire, Carol M. Chairman	X		
Roy, Terry Vice Chairman	X		
Sytek, John Clerk	X		
Pearson, Stephen C.	X		
Yakubovich, Michael	X		
Lekas, Tony	X		
Alliegro, Mark C.	X		
Bailey, Glenn	X		
Lanzara, Tom E.	X		
Santonastaso, Matthew	X		
Goley, Jeffrey P.	X		
Schuett, Dianne E.	X		
Jeudy, Jean L.			
Schmidt, Peter B.	X		
Schultz, Kristina M.	X		
Fellows, Sallie D.	X		
Fontneau, Timothy J.	X		
Grote, Jaci L.	X		
O'Brien, Michael B.	X		
TOTAL VOTE:			



2021 SESSION

Executive Departments and Administration

 Bill #: HB 253 Motion: OTPA AM #: 0540H Exec Session Date: 3-4-21

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
McGuire, Carol M. Chairman	✓		
Roy, Terry Vice Chairman	X		
Sytek, John Clerk	X		
Pearson, Stephen C.	X		
Yakubovich, Michael	X		
Lekas, Tony	X		
Alliegro, Mark C.	X		
Bailey, Glenn	X		
Lanzara, Tom E.	X		
Santonastaso, Matthew	X		
Goley, Jeffrey P.	X		
Schuett, Dianne E.	X		
Jeudy, Jean L.			
Schmidt, Peter B.	X		
Schultz, Kristina M.	X		
Fellows, Sallie D.	X		
Fontneau, Timothy J.	X		
Grote, Jaci L.	✓		
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UNAPPROVED

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 283

BILL TITLE: proclaiming April 11 as Wentworth Cheswill Day.

DATE: February 22, 2021

LOB ROOM: LOB Hybrid **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 1:45 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 2:05 p.m.

(please circle if present)

ALL PRESENT EXCEPT SCHUETT
Committee Members: Reps. McGuire, Roy, Sytek, S. Pearson, Yakubovich, Lekas, Alliegro, Bailey, Lanzara, Santonastaso, P. Schmidt, Schultz, Goley, Jevdy, Schuett, Fellows, Fontneau, Grote, M. O'Brien

Bill Sponsors:

Rep. DiLorenzo

Rep. Cahill

Rep. Harriott-Gathright

Sen. Perkins Kwoka

Rep. Mangipudi

Rep. Cushing

Rep. B. Griffin

Rep. Read

Rep. Petrigno

Rep. Gay

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

HB 283 proclaiming April 11 as Wentworth Cheswill day. (1:45/2:05)

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2. **Liz Tentarelli, self and President of League of Women Voters, spoke in support.** She said that Wentworth Cheswill was of mixed race, had fought in the Revolutionary War and was said to be the first black elected official.
3. **John Herman, self, a member of the Newmarket Historical Society, spoke in support.** He filled in details of Cheswill's life and noted the 275th anniversary of his birth. Having studied his life extensively, he said that the "take-aways" of Cheswill's life were his commitment to public service and his defense of liberty. He described his service in the Revolutionary War and his civic and personal accomplishments thereafter.
4. **Rep. DiLorenzo, sponsor, spoke in support.** She recounted her own personal history and how she discovered Cheswill and learned about his life.
5. **Dan Weeks, self, spoke in support.** He spoke of his own lineage and his unawareness of NH diversity. He believes in spreading our history with a story like that of Cheswill.
6. **Trysten McLain, self, support in support.** He did not want our country's history whitewashed.

Hearing adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Rep. John Sytek
Committee Clerk

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House Remote Testify

Executive Departments and Administration Committee Testify List for Bill HB283 on 2

Support: 128 Oppose: 3 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 4

<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>\$</u>
McClain, Trysten	Plymouth, NH trystenmcclain@icloud.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes (5m)	2
Weeks, Daniel	NH, NH dweeks@revisionenergy.com	A Member of the Public	ReVision Energy	Support	Yes (2m)	2
Herman, John	Newmarket, NH john.c.herman@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes (2m)	2
Thompson, Jordan	Nashua, NH jordan@blmnashua.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes (1m)	2
Dewey, Karen	Newport, NH pkdewey@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2
Dontonville, Roger	Enfield, NH rdontonville@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	2
Morehouse, Kira	Manchester, NH kira.morehouse@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2
Douville, Raye Ellen	Gilford, NH rayeellen@outlook.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2
Altschiller, Debra	Stratham, NH debra.altschiller@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Stratham, Rockingham 19	Support	No	2
Hinebauch, Mel	Concord, NH melhinebauch@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2
Stevens, Representative Deb	Nashua, NH debstevens4ward7@gmail.com	An Elected Official	My 10K constituents	Support	No	2
Taylor, Gale	Concord, NH galeforcefacilitators@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2
Jakubowski, Deborah	Loudon, NH Dendeb146@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2
Lamphier, Regan	Nashua, NH ReganBurkeLamphier@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2
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Morrison, Brooke	Barrington, NH Brooke.bouldry@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2
Doyle, Maria	Salem, NH Visualize_joy@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2
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Kaplan, Susan	Lebanon, NH	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2

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Cohen, Bruce	Nashua, NH bruce.cohen@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Hillsborough 28	Support	No	2
Relf, Brittni	Manchester, NH Brittnirelf@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2
Schmidt, Jan	NH, NH tesha4@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	2
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Hayden, Sam	Hopkinton, NH	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2

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Testimony

Testimony in support of HB 283 - Wentworth Cheswill Day

My name is John Herman, and I live in Newmarket, New Hampshire. I am excited to give my enthusiastic support for HB 283.

I have spent years researching Wentworth Cheswill's life and deeds, and recently I have been spreading the word about this unsung patriot in anticipation of his 275th birthday. As someone who has held his 250 year old journal and transcribed many of his fragile personal legal documents, I can say that the one thing you should take away from his life is his astonishing dedication to public service and the defense of liberty.

Wentworth Cheswill experienced liberty in a way that many of his peers did not. His father Hopestill was a housewright who, as one contemporary noted, was unable to attend a housewarming party for a house he himself had built unless personally and publicly invited by the homeowner. This was due to the color of his skin. Yet his son, Wentworth, grandson of a slave, rose to be one of the most prosperous and influential individuals in his community.


Raised in a community known at the time for its trade with the West Indies, including the trade of sugar and slaves, Wentworth Cheswill became what George Mason University determined to be the first African American elected to public office in the history of the United States. But that is just the start of Wentworth Cheswill's story. Like Paul Revere, he rode as a messenger for the Committee of Safety. He served as a soldier in John Langdon's Company of Light Horse Volunteers which made the 250-mile march to Saratoga, New York, to join the Continental Army in defeating the British at the Battle of Saratoga, which was the first major American victory in the Revolution.

Wentworth Cheswill was a constable, school teacher, inaugural school board member, selectman, town moderator, assessor, Justice of the Peace for the county, and even coroner. In fact he served every year of his adult life but one. And there are some who note that that last year of service conspicuously coincides with the ratification of the US Constitution. Perhaps he lent some effort to that cause as well.

Wentworth Cheswill was also a pioneering archaeologist. His research informed Jeremy Belknap's first volumes of New Hampshire history. And Cheswill was not only an early New Hampshire archaeologist; he was arguably one of the earliest in the nation. Passionate about history and scholarly pursuits, he donated books and funds to establish his community's first library. He was also a parent to 13 children.

It is my honor to speak before you in support of HB 283. Thank you for your efforts to help spread the word about this unsung hero of early America.

Thank you.

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[Testimony in support of HB 283 - Wentworth Cheswill Day.pdf](#) 

Attached is a copy of the statement I hope to read as testimony in support of HB 283. Thank you!

Sincerely,
John Herman

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<http://johnherman.org>

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Subject: [BULK] I Support HB155, HB283, & HB84

To the members of the House Executive Department & Administration Committee,

I am writing in support of Representative Horrigan's bill, HB 155, which renames Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day. This bill aims to acknowledge the continuing struggles of Indigenous people in America, including the Abenaki (also known as People of the Dawnland), who inhabited N'dakinna, what is now known as New Hampshire, for thousands of years before English settlers arrived in the 1620s.

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New Hampshire should not honor an individual who began a systematic campaign of extermination against millions of indigenous peoples in North and South America with a holiday. Instead, let us condemn the atrocities of our past and refocus our efforts on honoring the experiences and contributions of New Hampshire's Indigenous people by passing HB 155.

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We urge you to actively support the passage of bills HB 155, HB 283, and HB 84 to honor Black, Indigenous, and People of Color of New Hampshire’s past, present and future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Cc: [Renny Cushing](#); [Charlotte DiLorenzo](#)
Subject: HB 283 Proclaiming April 11 as Wentworth Cheswill Day
Importance: Normal

Dear Chairman McGuire, Vice Chairman Roy, and Honorable Members of the Committee:

Thank you for your attention and courtesy during the Committee Hearing on HB 283. My Town members and I are counting on you to vote Ought To Pass on the Cheswill bill. I've enclosed a short 3-minute clip from WMUR Chronicle about our efforts to recognize the contributions of Mr. Cheswill, a Revolutionary War veteran and Newmarket Town Father.

[Thursday, February 25th: Newmarket's Wentworth Cheswill \(wmur.com\)](#)

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Representative Charlotte DiLorenzo
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Introduced

HB 283 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **283**

AN ACT proclaiming April 11 as Wentworth Cheswill Day.

SPONSORS: Rep. DiLorenzo, Rock. 17; Rep. Mangipudi, Hills. 35; Rep. Read, Rock. 17; Rep. Cahill, Rock. 17; Rep. Cushing, Rock. 21; Rep. Petrigno, Hills. 23; Rep. Harriott-Gathright, Hills. 36; Rep. B. Griffin, Hills. 6; Rep. Gay, Rock. 8; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill proclaims April 11 as Wentworth Cheswill Day.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

AN ACT proclaiming April 11 as Wentworth Cheswill Day.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; Observances Proclaimed by Governor; Wentworth Cheswill Day. Amend RSA 4
2 by inserting after section 13-cc the following new section:

3 4:13-dd Wentworth Cheswill Day. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation calling for
4 the proper observance by the citizens of New Hampshire of April 11 as Wentworth Cheswill Day in
5 New Hampshire. Mr. Cheswill was born on April 11, 1746 in Newmarket, New Hampshire. Mr.
6 Cheswill, a man of color, has been said to have been the first African-American elected official in the
7 United States. He was a Revolutionary War veteran and served under John Langdon in Langdon's
8 Company of Light Horse Volunteers. He was an elected Newmarket town official and served the
9 town in various elected town offices from 1768 until his death in 1817. In 1801, Mr. Cheswill was
10 among the founders of the first free library in the town and provided in his will for public access to
11 his personal library.

12 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.