

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 1, 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Executive Departments and Administration to which was referred HB 1443,

AN ACT proclaiming the first Monday of March as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day. Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Jaci Grote

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Executive Departments and Administration
Bill Number:	HB 1443
Title:	proclaiming the first Monday of March as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day.
Date:	March 1, 2022
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

As in previous bills presented to this Committee, we consider other outlets more feasible and productive for commemorative days such as local programs and/or proclamations by the Governor.

Vote 14-1.

Rep. Jaci Grote
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Executive Departments and Administration

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1443

BILL TITLE: proclaiming the first Monday of March as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day.

DATE: February 15, 2022

LOB ROOM: 302-304

MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. Grote

Seconded by Rep. T. Lekas

Vote: 14-1

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep John Sytek, Clerk



1/22/2021 9:57:48 AM
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Report

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2021 SESSION

Executive Departments and Administration

Bill #: HB 1443 Motion: ITL AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 2-15-22
~~2-22-21~~

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
McGuire, Carol M. Chairman	X		
Roy, Terry Vice Chairman			
Sytek, John Clerk	X		
Pearson, Stephen C.			
Yakubovich, Michael	X		
Lekas, Tony	X		
Alliegro, Mark C.	X		
Bailey, Glenn	X		
Lanzara, Tom E.	X		
Santonastaso, Matthew	NO		
Goley, Jeffrey P.	X		
Schuett, Dianne E.	X		
Jeudy, Jean L.	X		
Schmidt, Peter B.			
Schultz, Kristina M. <i>MARSH</i>	✓	X	
Fellows, Sallie D.	X		
Fontneau, Timothy J.	X		
Grote, Jaci L.	X		
O'Brien, Michael B.	X		
TOTAL VOTE:			

14-1

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1443

BILL TITLE: **proclaiming the first Monday of March as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day.**

DATE: **February 8, 2022**

LOB ROOM: **302-304** **Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 2:00 p.m.**

Time Adjourned: 2:10 p.m.

Committee Members: Reps. McGuire, Rhodes, Sytek, S. Pearson, Yakubovich, T. Lekas, Alliegro, Bailey, Lanzara, Santonastaso, Goley, Schuett, P. Schmidt, Fellows, Marsh, Grote and O'Brien, Horrigan, Gomarlo

Bill Sponsors:

Rep. Meuse

Rep. Altschiller

Rep. Cote

Rep. Cushing

Rep. K. Murray

Rep. Marsh

Rep. Petrigno

Rep. Schapiro

TESTIMONY

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

Rep. Meuse introduced the bill and spoke in favor. He cited the reasons he felt that it was appropriate to honor the victims, survivors and also the health care workers involved with COVID-19. The bill would show that these people were not forgotten. He took Committee questions.

Rep. Altschiller, co-sponsor, spoke in support. We are all mourning; she cited statistics. She said that an important part of commemoration of a lost life with traditional observances such as funerals were not able to be done during the pandemic.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rep Sytek

House Remote Testify

Executive Departments and Administration Committee Testify List for Bill HB1443 on 2022-02-08

Support: 11 Oppose: 5 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
King, Donna	Wentworth, NH donnaaking2338@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/1/2022 6:47 AM
Richardson, Daniel	Nashua, NH daniel6_22@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/6/2022 9:49 PM
hatch, sally	Concord, NH sallyhatch@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/7/2022 8:04 AM
Faber, Shawn	Londonderry, NH slfaber@rocketmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/7/2022 5:48 PM
Raymond, Susan	Tamworth, NH susanjaneraymond@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/7/2022 7:33 PM
Kelly, Annie	Chester, NH Atkf227@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/7/2022 8:34 PM
Kane, Shirley	Portsmouth, NH Raisn22kan@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/7/2022 10:25 PM
Smith, Alyssa	Hampton Falls, NH alyssa.reyes.smith@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/7/2022 11:32 PM
McCray, Laurie	Portsmouth, NH Lauriemccray@myfairpoint.net	State Agency Staff	Myself	Support	No	No	2/8/2022 5:00 AM
Sebastian, Karen	Chesterfield, NH klsebastian.55@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/8/2022 7:44 AM
Foster, Joanne	PORTSMOUTH, NH jocfoster@outlook.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/8/2022 7:50 AM
Mckibben, Erik	McDonough, GA eri7284@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/8/2022 8:01 AM
Pauer, Eric	Brookline, NH secretary@BrooklineGOP.org	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/8/2022 9:19 AM

Cook, Kate	Portsmouth, NH Cookkc@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	2/8/2022 10:13 AM
Groetzinger, Tonda	Farmington, NH groetzinger6@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/8/2022 11:13 AM
Altschiller, Debra	STRATHAM, NH debra.altschiller@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Stratham	Support	No	No	2/8/2022 2:58 PM

Archived: Thursday, May 19, 2022 9:57:06 AM
From: Sharon Clark
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 1:48:06 PM
To: ~House Executive Departments and Administration
Subject: Support HB1443
Importance: Normal

Dear Committee Members,

The free market is best suited to handle and drive down prices. This beurocracy is not needed.
Please support HB 1443.

Sincerely,

Sharon Clark
Resident of the Town of Grafton
sharonclark411@gmail.com

Archived: Thursday, May 19, 2022 9:57:06 AM
From: [Debra Altschiller](#)
Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 3:03:56 PM
To: ~House Executive Departments and Administration
Subject: Testimony for HB 1443
Importance: Normal

February 8, 2022

Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Testimony for HB 1443 proclaiming the first Monday of March as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day.

Debra Altschiller, Stratham Rockingham 19

House Bill 1443 is a bill AN ACT proclaiming the first Monday of March as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day.

Today we are mourning, in fact everyday we are mourning. New Hampshire has lost 2,260 citizens since March 3, 2020. It's been less than two years since this global pandemic has claimed 904,144 American lives.

We have experienced national, statewide, community and familial traumas due to the devastation of COVID-19 . In our collective efforts to save lives we have foregone some of the ways we traditionally mourn our dead. Funerals, celebrations of life, wakes, sitting shiva, being together to honor those who have passed have all been transformed by our collective efforts to stop the spread of this virus.

A day of memorial is a formal and annual acknowledgement of the reality of that trauma. In 2015 the Funeral and Memorial Information Council commissioned a Harris Poll of American adults over the age of 20 and found that 82% of those surveyed said that a service was helpful in paying tribute to or commemorating the life of a friend or family member and 72% believed services of commemoration were an important part of that healing process.

We honor those who are taken in tragedy with memorials, it helps us heal, it helps us collectively grieve and collectively remember. Respectfully I ask that you find HB 1443 Ought To Pass

Debra Altschiller (she/her)
State Representative, Stratham

HB 1443 - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-2505
07/08

HOUSE BILL **1443**

AN ACT proclaiming the first Monday of March as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day.

SPONSORS: Rep. Meuse, Rock. 29; Rep. Altschiller, Rock. 19; Rep. Cote, Hills. 31; Rep. Cushing, Rock. 21; Rep. K. Murray, Rock. 24; Rep. Marsh, Carr. 8; Rep. Petrigno, Hills. 23; Rep. Schapiro, Ches. 16

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill proclaims an annual observance of the first Monday in March as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial 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 Two

AN ACT proclaiming the first Monday of March as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day.

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

1 1 Findings. The general court finds:

2 I. SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) is an easily transmissible viral illness that has created a global
3 pandemic which has had catastrophic effects on human life, our country, our state, our communities,
4 our schools, our nursing homes, our assisted living communities, our hospitals, our businesses, our
5 places of worship, and our economy.

6 II. COVID-19 has taken over a thousand lives in New Hampshire, sickened and hospitalized
7 thousands more, and continues to affect many of its victims with long-term neurological damage,
8 cardiorespiratory damage, and/or lingering side effects that impact their quality of life.

9 III. Each life lost or changed forever by COVID-19 represents an incalculable loss to the
10 individuals and families directly affected as well as to their friends and their communities.

11 IV. Every New Hampshire resident who has lived through COVID-19 has been affected
12 physically, emotionally, economically, or in some other way by the pandemic.

13 V. The month of March is the same month the first confirmed case of COVID-19 was
14 detected in New Hampshire in 2020.

15 2 New Section; COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day. Amend RSA 4 by inserting
16 after section 4:13-cc the following new section:

17 4:13-dd COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day.

18 I. The governor shall proclaim the first Monday in March of each year as COVID-19 Victims
19 and Survivors Memorial Day.

20 II. The proclamation issued by the governor shall call on the people of New Hampshire to
21 observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities and shall urge all state agencies and
22 academic institutions, and interested organizations, groups, and individuals, to fly the flag of the
23 United States at half-staff on the first Monday in March in honor of the individuals who died or
24 whose lives were otherwise impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

25 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.