God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GIBBY

E. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

MARK A. HOFFMANN

To the People of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

WHEREAS, The Shepherd Syndrome is a rare condition that affects the peripheral nervous system, causing profound physical and functional impairments;

WHEREAS, Its symptoms can manifest in various forms, including hearing loss, vision loss, and other neurological impairments;

WHEREAS, The condition affects an estimated 1-2500 people worldwide, with some cases possibly occurring in Massachusetts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2023, as Shepherd Syndrome Awareness Day.

This day shall be observed to raise awareness of the Shepherd Syndrome, to highlight the challenges faced by individuals affected by this condition, and to encourage support and research for a cure.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to be affixed in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, this 16th day of September, 2023.

Mark A. Hoffmann

Governor of the Commonwealth

EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 184, September 16, 2023.

By the Governor:

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