

Rep. Schuett, Merr. 20
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Amendment to HB 283

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT proclaiming April 11, 2021 as Wentworth Cheswill Day.

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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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7 1 Wentworth Cheswill Day. The governor shall proclaim April 11, 2021 as Wentworth Cheswill
8 Day in New Hampshire to celebrate the 275th anniversary of his birth and shall encourage all New
9 Hampshire citizens to observe the day with appropriate educational activities. Mr. Cheswill was
10 born on April 11, 1746 in Newmarket, New Hampshire. Mr. Cheswill, a man of color, has been said
11 to have been the first African-American elected official in the United States. He was a
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
14 offices from 1768 until his death in 1817. In 1801, Mr. Cheswill was among the founders of the first
15 free library in the town and provided in his will for public access to his personal library.

16 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

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