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HOUSE BILL 283

AN ACT proclaiming April 11, 2022 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

### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill proclaims April 11, 2022 as Wentworth Cheswill Day.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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#### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

AN ACT proclaiming April 11, 2022 as Wentworth Cheswill Day.

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

1 217:1 Wentworth Cheswill Day. The governor shall proclaim April 11, 2022 as Wentworth 2 Cheswill Day in New Hampshire to celebrate the 276th anniversary of his birth and shall encourage 3 all New Hampshire citizens to observe the day with appropriate educational activities. Mr. Cheswill 4 was born on April 11, 1746 in Newmarket, New Hampshire. Mr. Cheswill, a man of color, has been 5 said to have been the first African-American elected official in the United States. He was a 6 Revolutionary War veteran and served under John Langdon in Langdon's Company of Light Horse 7 Volunteers. He was an elected Newmarket town official and served the town in various elected town 8 offices from 1768 until his death in 1817. In 1801, Mr. Cheswill was among the founders of the first

free library in the town and provided in his will for public access to his personal library.

217:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: August 23, 2021 Effective Date: August 23, 2021

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