

# Act Today Influence Tomorrow

*An advocacy group of young people with disabilities organized by Easter Seals Massachusetts and the Boston Center for Independent Living.*

Our group is advocating for the inclusion of disability history and awareness month in public school during the month of October. We have drafted legislation, with the support of Senator Tolman, which would establish Disability History and Awareness Month to be observed during the month of October in all public schools within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

For More information please visit <http://bostoncil.org/youth/events.htm>

## **An Act Establishing a Disability History Month**

Section 15 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after Section 15CCCCC the following section:-

Section 15DDDDD. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the month of October as Disability History Month to increase awareness and understanding of the contributions that people with disabilities in our state, nation and the world have made to our society. Appropriate state agencies and cities and towns and public schools and colleges shall establish programs designed to educate and promote these objectives.

**Please recognize my organization/school to have endorsed this legislation. By endorsing this legislation I give the permission to my organization (or name if an individual) as a supporter on the BCIL website. <http://bostoncil.org/youth/events.htm>.**

**I would also like to provide the following:**

- Written testimony
- Oral testimony at a hearing
- Members from your organization who are willing to provide testimony or attend hearing/rally

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Contact from the organization authorized to endorse legislation

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Name of organization as it should appear on list of supporters

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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