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## **Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts Hosts 2018 State House Advocacy Day**

*Legislators, volunteers, and survivors to gather at Massachusetts State House*

(Westborough, Mass, February 7, 2018) - [The Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts](#) (BIA-MA) is pleased to announce its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Advocacy Day, to be held on the 2nd Floor Grand Staircase of the Massachusetts State House on February 8, 2018 at 11:00 AM.

Legislators, brain injury survivors, family members, BIA-MA staff and volunteers will gather at the State House to continue to emphasize the importance of continued legislation to bring support and services to individuals with brain injury. This year Acting State President Harriette Chandler, Representative Kimberly Ferguson, and Commissioner of Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission Toni Wolf will be addressing the audience. All are encouraged to attend and join BIA-MA for this important event.

“Advocacy Day presents a tremendous opportunity to speak with local legislators,” BIA-MA Executive Director Nicole Godaire said. “Whether you’re sharing your personal story or advocating for brain injury in general, there is no better place to tell our stories than where this critical legislation is being passed.”

The BIA-MA has three major advocacy efforts: funding the Statewide Head Injury Program (SHIP), the Cognitive-Rehabilitation Bill, and the Resolve to Re-Establish the Brain Injury Commission. The three would provide invaluable resources and services to the brain injury survivor community. More information on Advocacy Day, including registration for the event, can be found at [biama.org/advocacy](http://biama.org/advocacy).

The Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts is the first and oldest organization in the state to offer support and resources to brain injury survivors and their families. This, in addition to providing prevention programs, educational trainings, and legislative

advocacy. In March, BIA-MA will host their 36th Annual Brain Injury Conference and will continue furthering their mission to create a better future for survivors and their families.

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*The Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts (BIA-MA) is dedicated to improving the lives of those affected by brain injury while reducing its incidence and impact through prevention programs, education and training and legislative advocacy. Founded in 1982, the BIA-MA is the primary conduit between survivors and an extensive network of facilities, programs and professionals including 40 statewide support groups. The Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts is a chartered affiliate of the Brain Injury Association of America. For more information, visit [www.biama.org](http://www.biama.org) or call (800) 242-0030.*