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Raised Bill No. 1519

LCO No. 6176



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS, WEEKS AND MONTHS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the general statutes is
2 amended by adding subdivisions (118) to (134), inclusive, as follows
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (NEW) (118) The Governor shall proclaim February eighth of each
5 year as Scouting America Day, to commemorate the anniversary of the
6 founding of the former Boy Scouts of America in 1910, which became
7 Scouting America. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol
8 and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

9 (NEW) (119) The Governor shall proclaim February fourteenth of
10 each year as Neurofibromatosis Awareness Day, to raise awareness of
11 this genetic condition that often begins in childhood and causes tumors
12 to grow on nerves throughout the body and also may affect
13 development of the brain, cardiovascular system, bones and skin.
14 Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the

15 Governor designates for the observance of the day.

16 (NEW) (120) The Governor shall proclaim the month of April of each
17 year as Connecticut Native Plant Month, in recognition of the
18 importance of native plants to the state's rich biological heritage.
19 Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the
20 Governor designates for the observance of the month.

21 (NEW) (121) The Governor shall proclaim April eleventh of each year
22 as Parkinson's Awareness Day, to raise awareness of the neurological
23 condition of Parkinson's disease and available treatments for it. Suitable
24 exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the
25 Governor designates for the observance of the day.

26 (NEW) (122) The Governor shall proclaim April twenty-sixth of each
27 year as Tuskegee Airmen Day, to recognize the significant contribution
28 of the first African American military fighter pilots in American history
29 who served during World War II, and whose impressive performance
30 earned them more than one hundred fifty Distinguished Flying Crosses.
31 Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the
32 Governor designates for the observance of the day.

33 (NEW) (123) The Governor shall proclaim the first Wednesday in
34 May of each year as Local Journalism Appreciation Day, to raise
35 awareness of the value of local journalism. Suitable exercises may be
36 held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for
37 the observance of the day.

38 (NEW) (124) The Governor shall proclaim May fifth of each year as
39 Red Dress Day, to commemorate missing and murdered indigenous
40 women and children. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol
41 and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

42 (NEW) (125) The Governor shall proclaim May tenth of each year as
43 Dystonia Awareness Day, to raise awareness of the movement disorder
44 of dystonia that causes muscles to contract involuntarily and available

45 treatments for it. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and
46 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

47 (NEW) (126) The Governor shall proclaim May thirteenth to May
48 nineteenth of each year as Face Equity Week, and May nineteenth of
49 each year as Face Equity Day, to recognize those with craniofacial
50 abnormalities. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and
51 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the week
52 and day.

53 (NEW) (127) The Governor shall proclaim June first of each year as
54 Barber Recognition Day, to honor barbers in the state. Suitable exercises
55 may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor
56 designates for the observance of the day.

57 (NEW) (128) The Governor shall proclaim June twelfth of each year
58 as National Women Veterans Recognition Day, to recognize the
59 significant contributions of women who bravely and honorably served
60 in the United States armed forces. Suitable exercises may be held in the
61 State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the
62 observance of the day.

63 (NEW) (129) The Governor shall proclaim June twenty-seventh of
64 each year as Connecticut Microbiome Day, in recognition of the role of
65 microbiome therapeutics in combatting diseases; to celebrate
66 Connecticut research achievements in microbiome research; to
67 recognize and raise awareness of the role human, animal and
68 environmental microbiomes have on health and to encourage students
69 and the public to learn more about the impacts of the human
70 microbiome. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and
71 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

72 (NEW) (130) The Governor shall proclaim the month of July of each
73 year as Uterine Fibroid Awareness Month, to raise awareness of the
74 symptoms and treatment options for this condition and improve health
75 outcomes for women. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol

76 and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the
77 month.

78 (NEW) (131) The Governor shall proclaim July twelfth of each year as
79 Connecticut Recipients of the Medal of Honor Day, to acknowledge
80 residents of the state who have been recipients of the Medal of Honor
81 for their courage and sacrifices. Suitable exercises may be held in the
82 State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the
83 observance of the day.

84 (NEW) (132) The Governor shall proclaim October fifteenth of each
85 year as Varian Fry Day, to remember the late Connecticut resident
86 Varian Fry's heroic deeds in Marseille, France from 1940 to 1941, where
87 he rescued more than one thousand five hundred refugees, many of
88 whom were Jewish, from the Nazis. Suitable exercises may be held in
89 the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the
90 observance of the day.

91 (NEW) (133) The Governor shall proclaim the month of November of
92 each year as Veterans' Month, in recognition of the service and sacrifice
93 of individuals who have served in the armed forces to protect the United
94 States and the state of Connecticut. Suitable exercises may be held in the
95 State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the
96 observance of the month.

97 (NEW) (134) The Governor shall proclaim the month of November of
98 each year as Epilepsy Awareness Month, to raise public awareness of
99 the associated presentation and available treatments for epilepsy.
100 Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the
101 Governor designates for the observance of the month.

102 (NEW) (135) The Governor shall proclaim the fifteenth day of the
103 month of Kartik in the Hindu lunar calendar of each year as Diwali, to
104 celebrate this festival of lights. Suitable exercises may be held in the State
105 Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of
106 the day.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | 10-29a(a)(118) to (134) |
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Statement of Purpose:

To designate various days, weeks and months.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]