



General Assembly

## ***Substitute Bill No. 1519***

*January Session, 2025*



### ***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 (137), 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 month of May of each  
34 year as Brain Tumor Awareness Month, to raise awareness, educate and  
35 provide information to the public on available treatments for brain  
36 tumors. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and  
37 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the month.

38 (NEW) (124) The Governor shall proclaim the first Wednesday in  
39 May of each year as Local Journalism Appreciation Day, to raise  
40 awareness of the value of local journalism. Suitable exercises may be  
41 held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for  
42 the observance of the day.

43 (NEW) (125) The Governor shall proclaim May fifth of each year as  
44 Red Dress Day, to commemorate missing and murdered indigenous  
45 women and children. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol  
46 and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

47 (NEW) (126) The Governor shall proclaim May tenth of each year as  
48 Dystonia Awareness Day, to raise awareness of the movement disorder  
49 of dystonia that causes muscles to contract involuntarily and available

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

52 (NEW) (127) The Governor shall proclaim May thirteenth to May  
53 nineteenth of each year as Face Equity Week, and May nineteenth of  
54 each year as Face Equity Day, to recognize those with craniofacial  
55 abnormalities. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and  
56 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the week  
57 and day.

58 (NEW) (128) The Governor shall proclaim June first of each year as  
59 Barber Recognition Day, to honor barbers in the state. Suitable exercises  
60 may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor  
61 designates for the observance of the day.

62 (NEW) (129) The Governor shall proclaim June twelfth of each year  
63 as National Women Veterans' Recognition Day, to recognize the  
64 significant contributions of women who bravely and honorably served  
65 in the United States armed forces. Suitable exercises may be held in the  
66 State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the  
67 observance of the day.

68 (NEW) (130) The Governor shall proclaim June twenty-seventh of  
69 each year as Connecticut Microbiome Day, in recognition of the role of  
70 microbiome therapeutics in combatting diseases; to celebrate  
71 Connecticut research achievements in microbiome research; to  
72 recognize and raise awareness of the role human, animal and  
73 environmental microbiomes have on health and to encourage students  
74 and the public to learn more about the impacts of the human  
75 microbiome. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and  
76 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

77 (NEW) (131) The Governor shall proclaim the month of July of each  
78 year as Uterine Fibroid Awareness Month, to raise awareness of the  
79 symptoms and treatment options for this condition and improve health  
80 outcomes for women. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol  
81 and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the

82 month.

83 (NEW) (132) The Governor shall proclaim July twelfth of each year as  
84 Connecticut Recipients of the Medal of Honor Day, to acknowledge  
85 residents of the state who have been recipients of the Medal of Honor  
86 for their courage and sacrifices. Suitable exercises may be held in the  
87 State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the  
88 observance of the day.

89 (NEW) (133) The Governor shall proclaim the third Saturday of  
90 September of each year as Lobster Roll Day. Suitable exercises may be  
91 held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for  
92 the observance of the day.

93 (NEW) (134) The Governor shall proclaim October fifteenth of each  
94 year as Varian Fry Day, to remember the late Connecticut resident  
95 Varian Fry's heroic deeds in Marseille, France from 1940 to 1941, where  
96 he rescued more than one thousand five hundred refugees, many of  
97 whom were Jewish, from the Nazis. Suitable exercises may be held in  
98 the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the  
99 observance of the day.

100 (NEW) (135) The Governor shall proclaim the month of November of  
101 each year as Veterans' Month, in recognition of the service and sacrifice  
102 of individuals who have served in the armed forces to protect the United  
103 States and the state of Connecticut. Suitable exercises may be held in the  
104 State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the  
105 observance of the month.

106 (NEW) (136) The Governor shall proclaim the month of November of  
107 each year as Epilepsy Awareness Month, to raise public awareness of  
108 the associated presentation and available treatments for epilepsy.  
109 Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the  
110 Governor designates for the observance of the month.

111 (NEW) (137) The Governor shall proclaim the fifteenth day of the  
112 month of Kartik in the Hindu lunar calendar of each year as Diwali, to

113 celebrate this festival of lights. Suitable exercises may be held in the State  
114 Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of  
115 the day.

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 (137)
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**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*