



**Substitute Senate Bill No. 1519**

**Public Act No. 25-59**

***AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS, WEEKS AND MONTHS.***

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the general statutes is amended by adding subdivisions (118) to (137), inclusive, as follows  
*(Effective from passage):*

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

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

(NEW) (120) The Governor shall proclaim the month of April of each year as Connecticut Native Plant Month, in recognition of the

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importance of native plants to the state's rich biological heritage. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the month.

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

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

(NEW) (123) The Governor shall proclaim the month of May of each year as Brain Tumor Awareness Month, to raise awareness, educate and provide information to the public on available treatments for brain tumors. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the month.

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

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

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(NEW) (126) The Governor shall proclaim May tenth of each year as Dystonia Awareness Day, to raise awareness of the movement disorder of dystonia that causes muscles to contract involuntarily and available treatments for it. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(NEW) (137) The Governor shall proclaim the fifteenth day of the month of Kartik in the Hindu lunar calendar of each year as Diwali, to celebrate this festival of lights. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

Governor's Action:  
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