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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sSB 1519**

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

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the governor to proclaim the following:

1. February 8 to be Scouting America Day, to commemorate the anniversary of the day in 1910 the former Boy Scouts of America was founded, which became Scouting America;
2. February 14 to be 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 may affect brain, cardiovascular, bone, and skin development;
3. April to be Connecticut Native Plant Month, to recognize the importance of native plants to the state's rich biological heritage;
4. April 11 to be Parkinson's Awareness Day, to raise awareness of Parkinson's disease and available treatments for it;
5. April 26 to be 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 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses;
6. May to be Brain Tumor Awareness Month, to raise awareness, educate, and provide information to the public on available treatments;
7. the first Wednesday in May to be Local Journalism Appreciation Day, to raise awareness of local journalism's value;
8. May 5 to be Red Dress Day, to commemorate missing and

- murdered indigenous women and children;
9. May 10 to be Dystonia Awareness Day, to raise awareness of dystonia which causes muscles to contract involuntarily, and available treatments for it;
  10. May 13 to May 19 to be Face Equity Week, and May 19 to be Face Equity Day, to recognize those with craniofacial abnormalities;
  11. June 1 to be Barber Recognition Day, to honor barbers in the state;
  12. June 12 to be National Women Veterans' Recognition Day, to recognize the significant contributions of women who bravely and honorably served in the U.S. armed forces;
  13. June 27 to be Connecticut Microbiome Day, to (a) recognize microbiome therapeutics' role in combatting diseases; (b) celebrate Connecticut microbiome research achievements; (c) recognize and raise awareness of the role human, animal, and environmental microbiomes have on health; and (d) encourage students and the public to learn more about the human microbiome's impacts;
  14. July to be Uterine Fibroid Awareness Month, to raise awareness of this condition's symptoms and treatment options and improve health outcomes for women;
  15. July 12 to be Connecticut Recipients of the Medal of Honor Day, to acknowledge state residents who received the Medal of Honor for their courage and sacrifices;
  16. the third Saturday of September to be Lobster Roll Day;
  17. October 15 to be 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 1,500 refugees, many of whom were Jewish, from the Nazis;
  18. November as Veterans' Month, to recognize the service and

sacrifice of individuals who have served in the armed forces to protect the United States and Connecticut;

19. November as Epilepsy Awareness Month, to raise awareness of the associated presentation and available treatments for it; and
20. the 15th day of the month of Kartik in the Hindu lunar calendar as Diwali, to celebrate this festival of lights.

Under the bill, suitable observance exercises may be held in the state capitol and elsewhere as the governor designates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 1 (03/26/2025)