



Substitute Senate Bill No. 458

Public Act No. 26-19

AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS AND MONTHS.

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

Section 1. Subdivision (9) of subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(9) The Governor shall proclaim the last Friday in September in each year to be [Indian] Indigenous Peoples' Day, which day shall be suitably observed in the public schools of the state as a day of commemoration of [American Indians] Native Americans and their contribution to American life and civilization.

Sec. 2. Subdivision (133) of subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(133) The Governor shall proclaim the third [Saturday] Sunday 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.

Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is amended by adding subdivisions (139) to (148),

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inclusive, as follows (*Effective from passage*):

(NEW) (139) The Governor shall proclaim January eleventh of each year as Hartford Whalers Day, in honor of the first Whalers game played in the city of Hartford. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

(NEW) (140) The Governor shall proclaim February third of each year as Topical Steroid Withdrawal Awareness Day, to raise public awareness of this adverse reaction characterized by intense burning, red, inflamed skin and peeling that occurs after stopping long-term or high-potency topical steroid creams. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

(NEW) (141) The Governor shall proclaim March fourth of each year as 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day, to recognize the only African-American all-female unit sent overseas during World War II to process millions of pieces of backlogged mail for troops in the European theater. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

(NEW) (142) The Governor shall proclaim March eighth of each year as Henry Breault Day, to remember the late Medal of Honor recipient from Putnam who was the first submariner to be presented the Medal of Honor on March 8, 1924, for his actions aboard a United States submarine that was sinking, when he returned to the torpedo room to the rescue of a shipmate and remained trapped in the submarine for thirty-one hours. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

(NEW) (143) The Governor shall proclaim the first day of the Islamic month of Shawwal, the tenth month of the Islamic lunar calendar of each year, as Eid al-Fitr, to mark the end of Ramadan. Suitable exercises may

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be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

(NEW) (144) The Governor shall proclaim the month of May of each year as Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Awareness Month, to raise public awareness of the associated presentation and available treatments for this rare, progressive neurodegenerative disorder affecting movement, balance, vision and speech due to a buildup of proteins in the brain. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the month.

(NEW) (145) The Governor shall proclaim July seventeenth of each year as Hiram Bingham IV Day, to remember the late Connecticut resident who was the Vice Consul in charge of visas at the United States Consulate in Marseille, France, from 1940 to 1941, and who issued thousands of visas to refugees and was instrumental in assisting them in escaping to the United States, at great personal peril. His story stands as a powerful example of courage and compassion and follows in the tradition of many who chose humanitarian action during the Holocaust. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

(NEW) (146) The Governor shall proclaim the month of September of each year as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, to raise public awareness of the associated presentation and available treatments for ovarian cancer. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the month.

(NEW) (147) The Governor shall proclaim September twenty-eighth of each year as Good Neighbor Day, to combat social isolation and strengthen community bonds, encourage people to get to know their neighbors, practice acts of kindness and build safer, more connected neighborhoods. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and

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elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

(NEW) (148) The Governor shall proclaim September thirtieth of each year as Military Suicide Remembrance and Awareness Day, to honor veterans and military members lost to suicide, raise awareness of mental health issues among veterans and military members and raise awareness of the available resources and supports for them. 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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