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Substitute Senate Bill No. 458

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS AND MONTHS.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (9) of subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the
2 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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

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10 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is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

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

13 September of each year as Lobster Roll Day. Suitable exercises may be
14 held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for
15 the observance of the day.

16 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the 2026 supplement to the
17 general statutes is amended by adding subdivisions (139) to (148),
18 inclusive, as follows (*Effective from passage*):

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

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

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

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

44 (NEW) (143) The Governor shall proclaim the first day of the Islamic
45 month of Shawwal, the tenth month of the Islamic lunar calendar of each
46 year, as Eid al-Fitr, to mark the end of Ramadan. Suitable exercises may
47 be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates
48 for the observance of the day.

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

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

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

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

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

78 (NEW) (148) The Governor shall proclaim September thirtieth of each
79 year as Military Suicide Remembrance and Awareness Day, to honor
80 veterans and military members lost to suicide, raise awareness of mental
81 health issues among veterans and military members and raise
82 awareness of the available resources and supports for them. Suitable
83 exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the
84 Governor designates for the observance of the day.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-29a(a)(9)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	10-29a(a)(133)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	10-29a(a)(139) to (148)

GAE Joint Favorable Subst.

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill requires the Governor to designate various days and months, resulting in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 458*****AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS AND MONTHS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the governor to proclaim the following:

1. January 11 to be Hartford Whalers Day, to commemorate the first Whalers game played in Hartford;
2. February 3 to be Topical Steroid Withdrawal Awareness Day, to raise awareness of this adverse reaction characterized by intense burning, red inflamed skin, and peeling that happens after stopping long-term or high-potency topical steroid creams;
3. March 4 to be 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;
4. March 8 to be Henry Breault Day, to remember the late Medal of Honor recipient from Putnam who was the first submariner to be presented the award on March 8, 1924, for his actions aboard a U.S. submarine that was sinking, when he returned to the torpedo room to rescue a shipmate and was trapped in the submarine for 31 hours;
5. the 1st day of the month of Shawwal, the 10th month in the Islamic lunar calendar, as Eid al-Fitr to mark the end of Ramadan;
6. the month of May to be Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Awareness Month, to raise awareness about the presentation of and available treatments for this rare progressive neurodegenerative disorder affecting movement, balance, vision,

and speech due to protein buildup in the brain;

7. July 17 to be Hiram Bingham IV Day, to remember the late Connecticut resident who was (a) the Vice Consul in charge of visas at the U.S. Consulate in Marseille, France, from 1940 to 1941; (b) at great personal peril, issued thousands of visas to refugees and was instrumental in helping them escape to the United States; and (c) an example of the courage and compassion of many people taking humanitarian action during the Holocaust;
8. the month of September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, to raise awareness of ovarian cancer's presentation and available treatments;
9. September 28 to be 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; and
10. September 30 to be Military Suicide Remembrance and Awareness Day, to honor veterans and military members lost to suicide and raise awareness of mental health issues among veterans and military members and the available resources and supports for them.

The bill also (1) renames Indian Day as Indigenous People's Day, celebrated on the last Friday in September to commemorate Native Americans and their contribution to American life and civilization and (2) moves Lobster Roll Day to the third Sunday, instead of the third Saturday, of September.

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 19 Nay 0 (03/20/2026)