



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 458***

LCO No. 2698



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***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2 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  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10 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  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 Sunday after the third  
13 Saturday of September of each year as Lobster Roll Day. Suitable  
14 exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the

15 Governor designates for 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 Marseilles, 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. Suitable  
63 exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the  
64 Governor designates for the observance of the day.

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

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

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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To designate various days and months.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*