



PA 26-19—sSB 458

Government Administration and Elections Committee

AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS AND MONTHS

SUMMARY: This act 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 as 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 (a) was 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) was 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

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available resources and supports for them.

The act also (1) renames Indian Day as Indigenous Peoples' 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 act, suitable observance exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the governor designates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage