



**Substitute House Bill No. 6693**

**Public Act No. 09-224**

**AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND  
THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN DAYS AND MONTHS BY THE  
GOVERNOR.**

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the general statutes is amended by adding subdivisions (53) to (60), inclusive, as follows (*Effective from passage*):

(NEW) (53) The Governor shall proclaim the month of September to be Arnold-Chiari Malformation Awareness Month to heighten public awareness of Arnold-Chiari Malformation's attendant presentations and treatments. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the month.

(NEW) (54) The Governor shall proclaim August twenty-third of each year to be Missing Persons Day to raise awareness of the plight of the families of state citizens who have been reported as missing. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

(NEW) (55) The Governor shall proclaim May twelfth of each year to be Fibromyalgia Awareness Day to heighten public awareness of the associated presentation and available treatments for fibromyalgia

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

(NEW) (56) The Governor shall proclaim September thirteenth of each year to be Fragile X Awareness Day to heighten public awareness of Fragile X's attendant presentations and treatments. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

(NEW) (57) The Governor shall proclaim March first of each year to be Self Injury Awareness Day to increase awareness of the issues surrounding self injury. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

(NEW) (58) The Governor shall proclaim the third week in September of each year to be Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week to raise awareness of Mitochondrial Disease. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the week.

(NEW) (59) The Governor shall proclaim the twenty-ninth day of January of each year to be Thomas Paine Day to honor Thomas Paine, the author and theorist, for his instrumental role in the cause of independence leading to the American Revolution. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

(NEW) (60) The Governor shall proclaim July first, Canada Day, of each year to be Canada Appreciation Day to honor the close ties of geography, culture and economy between our two countries. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Section 5 of public act 08-56 shall take

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effect from its passage.

Sec. 3. Section 4-61mm of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

[(a)] Each state agency, as part of its annual report to the General Assembly and the Governor, shall include an evaluation of its volunteer program which details the following information: (1) The total number, location and duties of all volunteers; and (2) the total number of annual hours of service provided by all volunteers. [; and (3) a cost benefits analysis of volunteer services for the preceding year based on guidelines established by the Council on Voluntary Action. Such guidelines shall not be deemed to be regulations as defined in subsection (13) of section 4-166.]

[(b) Each state agency shall furnish, at the time of filing such annual report, a copy of such evaluation to the Council on Voluntary Action.]

Sec. 4. Subdivision (23) of subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(23) The Governor shall proclaim September eleventh of each year as Honor Our Heroes and Remembrance Day, in memory of those who lost their lives or suffered injuries in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, and in honor of the service, sacrifice and contributions of the firefighters, police officers and other personnel who responded to such attacks. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) Any United States or Connecticut state flag (1) displayed on or in any public building owned or leased by the state, or used for the purposes of sections 3-2b, 4b-14, 9-237 or 51-27g of the general statutes, and (2) purchased after the effective date of this section, shall be manufactured in the United

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