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Senate Bill No. 438

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. CASSANO, S. of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS MONTHS, WEEKS AND DAYS OF COMMEMORATION.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the 2016 supplement to
2 the general statutes is amended by adding subdivisions (72) to (77),
3 inclusive, as follows (*Effective from passage*):

4 (NEW) (72) The Governor shall proclaim the month of May of each
5 year to be Lyme Disease Awareness Month to heighten public
6 awareness of the associated presentation and available treatments for
7 Lyme disease. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and
8 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the month.

9 (NEW) (73) The Governor shall proclaim the third week in October
10 of each year to be Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week to heighten
11 public awareness of the associated presentation and available
12 treatments for male breast cancer. Suitable exercises shall be held in

13 the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the
14 observance of the week.

15 (NEW) (74) The Governor shall proclaim the fourth week in
16 February of each year to be Eating Disorders Awareness Week to
17 heighten public awareness of the associated presentation and available
18 treatments for eating disorders. Suitable exercises shall be held in the
19 State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the
20 observance of the week.

21 (NEW) (75) The Governor shall proclaim the month of April of each
22 year to be Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month to heighten
23 public awareness of the evils of genocide in order to commemorate the
24 victims of genocide and to prevent future atrocities. Suitable exercises
25 shall be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor
26 designates for the observance of the month.

27 (NEW) (76) The Governor shall proclaim the month of March of
28 each year to be Connecticut Maple Month to recognize the continued
29 contribution of maple producers in the state who perpetuate a
30 cherished New England tradition and who positively impact our
31 economy, environment and way of life. Suitable exercises shall be held
32 in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the
33 observance of the month.

34 (NEW) (77) The Governor shall proclaim the fifteenth day of March
35 of each year to be Peter Francisco Day in remembrance of his feats of
36 valor and courage as a soldier during the American Revolution and to
37 honor Americans of Portuguese ancestry, their culture and the
38 contribution they have made to this country. Suitable exercises shall be
39 held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for
40 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)

GAE *Joint Favorable*

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

The bill allows the Governor to designate various months, weeks and days of the year in ceremonies for the following: Lyme Disease Awareness Month, Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week, Eating Disorders Awareness Week, Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month, Connecticut Maple Month and Peter Francisco Day. This will not result in a fiscal impact.

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

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 438*****AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS MONTHS, WEEKS AND DAYS OF COMMEMORATION.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the governor to proclaim:

1. May of each year as Lyme Disease Awareness Month to heighten public awareness of the disease's symptoms and available treatments;
2. the third week in October of each year as Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week to heighten public awareness of the cancer's symptoms and available treatments;
3. the fourth week in February of each year as Eating Disorders Awareness Week to heighten public awareness of eating disorders' symptoms and available treatments;
4. April of each year as Genocide Awareness Month to heighten public awareness of genocide's evils, commemorate its victims, and prevent future atrocities;
5. March of each year as Connecticut Maple Month to recognize the continued contribution of state maple producers who perpetuate a cherished New England tradition and have a positive impact on the state's economy, environment, and way of life; and
6. March 15 of each year as Peter Francisco Day to remember his feats of valor and courage as a soldier in the American Revolution and to honor Americans of Portuguese ancestry, their culture, and their contributions to the country.

Suitable exercises must 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

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/18/2016)