



Substitute Senate Bill No. 1002

Public Act No. 17-204

AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS, WEEKS, MONTHS AND STATE SYMBOLS.

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 (72) to (82), inclusive, as follows (*Effective upon the passage of a biennial budget for the biennium ending June 30, 2019*):

(NEW) (72) The Governor shall proclaim October seventh of each year to be Trigeminal Neuralgia Awareness Day to increase public awareness of the associated presentation and available treatments for trigeminal neuralgia. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

(NEW) (73) The Governor shall proclaim May twenty-ninth of each year to be Bob Hope Day to recognize Bob Hope's efforts across the globe in support of United States military service members. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

(NEW) (74) The Governor shall proclaim May first of each year to be Purebred Dog Day to honor purebred dogs and their breeders.

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(NEW) (75) The Governor shall proclaim the third week in October of each year to be Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week to heighten public awareness of the associated presentation and available treatments for male breast cancer. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the week.

(NEW) (76) The Governor shall proclaim the month of May of each year to be Lyme Disease Awareness Month to heighten public awareness of the associated presentation and available treatments for Lyme disease. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the month.

(NEW) (77) The Governor shall proclaim the second Friday in December of each year to be PJ Day to raise awareness of all of those children being treated and cared for in hospitals across the state. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

(NEW) (78) The Governor shall proclaim the third Monday in April of each year to be Patriots' Day to commemorate the anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord during the American Revolutionary War. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

(NEW) (79) The Governor shall proclaim March thirteenth of each year to be National K9 Veterans' Day to honor federal, state and local law enforcement K9 Corps units and their service to our local communities, state and country. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

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(NEW) (80) The Governor shall proclaim the month of March of each year to be Connecticut Maple Month to recognize the continued contribution of maple producers in the state who perpetuate a cherished New England tradition and who positively impact our economy, environment and way of life. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the month.

(NEW) (81) The Governor shall proclaim November twenty-sixth of each year to be Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva Awareness Day to raise public awareness of the rare connective tissue disease. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

(NEW) (82) The Governor shall proclaim the month of May of each year to be Jewish American Heritage Month to honor Americans of Jewish ancestry, their culture and the great contribution they have made to this country. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the month.

Sec. 2. Section 31-138 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

The Governor shall designate the [first full week in] month of October of each year as ["National Employ the Handicapped Week"] "National Disability Employment Awareness Month" to recognize and celebrate businesses who employ individuals with disabilities and to encourage other businesses to do so to reduce the unemployment rate of individuals with disabilities.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Gustave Whitehead's No. 21 shall be the state pioneering aircraft.

Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Dilophosaurus shall be the

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state dinosaur.

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