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LCO No. 5032



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS, WEEKS, MONTHS AND
STATE SYMBOLS AND NAMING A STATE OFFICE COMPLEX.***

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 general statutes is
2 amended by adding subdivisions (72) to (81), inclusive, as follows
3 (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

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

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

14 Governor designates for the observance of the day.

15 (NEW) (74) The Governor shall proclaim May first of each year to be
16 Purebred Dog Day to honor purebred dogs and their breeders.
17 Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as
18 the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

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

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

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

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

40 (NEW) (79) The Governor shall proclaim March thirteenth of each
41 year to be National K9 Veterans' Day to honor federal, state and local
42 law enforcement K9 Corps units and their service to our local
43 communities, state and country. Suitable exercises may be held in the

44 State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the
45 observance of the day.

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

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

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

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

66 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Administrative
67 Services shall name the complex of two state office buildings in the
68 Connecticut River Plaza located at 450 Columbus Boulevard in
69 Hartford the "Joseph J. Fauliso State Government Center".

70 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Gustave Whitehead's No. 21
71 shall be the state pioneering aircraft.

72 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Dilophosaurus shall be the

73 state dinosaur.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	10-29a(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	31-138
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To designate various days, weeks and months, to name a state office complex and to designate the state pioneering aircraft and state dinosaur.

[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.]