

**Government Administration and Elections Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT**

Bill No.: SB-489

Title: AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS AND WEEKS.

Vote Date: 3/23/2018

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/19/2018

File No.: 344

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Administration and Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

To designate various months, weeks, and days of the year for Clubfoot Day, Cable Technician Recognition Day, Military Spouses' Day, Sikh Genocide Remembrance Day, and Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

****Proposed Substitute Language: The new language removes (83) lines 4 through 8 regarding Clubfoot Day.****

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Senator Catherine Osten:

The Senator Osten's testimony calls for a month to be designated as Sikh Genocide Awareness Month, rather than just one day, to accommodate the desires of the growing Sikh community in Norwich.

Rep. Kevin Ryan:

Please see Sen. Osten's testimony above, as they submitted it jointly.

John G. Teeter, M.D.:

Mr. Teeter submitted written testimony in favor of SB-489 to designate a week to Eating Disorder Awareness. He is a physician and a father of 2 daughters who were affected by eating disorders. Eating disorders are complex and serious mental health conditions and have the highest mortality rate of any mental illness.

By designating an Eating Disorder Awareness Week across Connecticut, it will increase awareness of eating disorders and send the message that Connecticut lawmakers take this issue seriously.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed.

Reported by: Molly Ronan

Date: April 9, 2018