
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 1091

AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS AND WEEKS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the governor to proclaim the fourth week in May of each year as Connecticut Older Horse Week to spread awareness of the active roles horses play in farming, sports, and entertainment and to recognize the state's retired horses.

The bill requires him to also proclaim the first week in September of each year to be Kidney Disease Awareness Week to raise public awareness of the: (1) various disease types; (2) associated presentation and available treatments for chronic kidney disease or failure; (3) need for artificial filtering or dialysis, kidney donations, and transplants; and (4) diseases or conditions that impair kidney function such as diabetes and hypertension.

The bill also requires the governor to proclaim the following days:

1. February 22 of each year to be Encephalitis Day to raise awareness of, and acknowledge those affected by, encephalitis;
2. May 17 of each year to be Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Day to raise awareness of this type of brain cancer;
3. June 3 of each year to be Clubfoot Day to raise awareness of the musculoskeletal birth deformity and its available treatments;
4. June 15 of each year to be Cadet Nurse Corps Day to honor women who served in the corps during World War II (WWII);
5. July 30 of each year to be U.S.S. Indianapolis CA-35 Day (a) to commemorate and honor the cruiser and the service, sacrifice, and bravery of the Connecticut sailors who served aboard the

ship during WWII, and (b) in recognition of its final sailing crew, the pilots who discovered the survivors, and the rescue and recovery crews;

6. November 22 of each year to be 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome Day to raise awareness of the genetic disease and its available treatments; and
7. December 6 of each year to be Thirteenth Amendment Day to reflect upon, remember, and celebrate the ratification of the amendment to the United States Constitution, which abolished slavery.

The bill allows suitable observance exercises to be held in the state capitol and elsewhere as the governor designates.

Finally, the bill (1) adjusts the date of Sikh Genocide Remembrance Day from November 30 to November 1 and (2) establishes the “Centennial Commission on Women’s Suffrage account” as a separate, nonlapsing account in the General Fund for the deposit of donations, grants, or financial assistance that is accepted by the secretary of the state. It requires her to use moneys in the account to support the commission’s activities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 0 (03/29/2019)