



PA 19-152—SB 1091

Government Administration and Elections Committee

AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS AND WEEKS

SUMMARY: This act 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 act also requires him to 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.

Additionally, the act 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. April 16 of each year to be Advance Directive Awareness Day to encourage their use and raise awareness of the importance of planning ahead for health care decisions;
3. May 6 of each year to be Moyamoya Awareness Day to raise awareness of the symptoms and available treatments of the cerebrovascular disease;
4. May 17 of each year to be Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Day to raise awareness of this type of brain cancer;
5. June 3 of each year to be Clubfoot Day to raise awareness of the musculoskeletal birth deformity and its available treatments;
6. June 15 of each year to be Cadet Nurse Corps Day to honor women who served in the corps during World War II (WWII);
7. 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;
8. November 22 of each year to be 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome Day to raise awareness of the genetic disease and its available treatments; and
9. December 6 of each year to be Thirteenth Amendment Day to reflect upon, remember, and celebrate the ratification of this amendment to the United States Constitution, which abolished slavery.

For each of these days and weeks, the act allows suitable observance exercises to be held in the state capitol and elsewhere as the governor designates.

Lastly, the act adjusts the date of Sikh Genocide Remembrance Day from November 30 to November 1 of each year.

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EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage