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Introduced by:

(GAE)

AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS AND WEEKS.

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 (87) to (95), inclusive, as follows:

(Effective from passage):

(NEW) (87) The Governor shall proclaim June fifteenth of each year to be Cadet Nurse Corps Day to honor women who served during the Second World War as members of the Cadet Nurse Corps. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

(NEW) (88) The Governor shall proclaim the fourth week in May of each year to be Connecticut Older Horse Week to spread awareness of the active role that horses play in farming, sports and entertainment and to recognize the retired horses of the state. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the week.
The Governor shall proclaim the first week in September of each year to be Kidney Disease Awareness Week to raise public awareness of the associated presentation and available treatments for chronic kidney disease or kidney failure, the need for artificial filtering or dialysis, kidney donations and kidney transplants, and the diseases or conditions that impair kidney function such as diabetes and hypertension and the various types of kidney disease such as polycystic kidney disease. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the week.

The Governor shall proclaim November twenty-second of each year to be 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome Day to raise public awareness of this genetic disease and available treatments for it. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

The Governor shall proclaim May seventeenth of each year to be Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Day to raise public awareness of this type of brain cancer. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

The Governor shall proclaim December sixth of each year to reflect upon, remember and celebrate the ratification of the thirteenth amendment to the United States Constitution, which abolished slavery. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

The Governor shall proclaim June third of each year to be Clubfoot Day to raise public awareness of this musculoskeletal birth deformity and available treatments for it. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

The Governor shall proclaim February twenty-second of
each year to be Encephalitis Day to raise awareness of encephalitis and acknowledge those who have been directly or indirectly affected by encephalitis. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

(NEW) (95) The Governor shall proclaim July thirtieth of each year to be U.S.S. Indianapolis CA-35 Day to commemorate and honor the cruiser and the service, sacrifice and bravery of the sailors of Connecticut who served aboard the ship during World War II, and in recognition of the U.S.S. Indianapolis CA-35's final sailing crew, the pilots who discovered the survivors and the rescue and recovery crews. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

Sec. 2. Subdivision (85) of subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

(85) The Governor shall proclaim November [thirtieth] first of each year to be Sikh Genocide Remembrance Day to remember the lives lost on November [30], 1984, during the Sikh Genocide. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (Effective from passage) There is established an account to be known as the "Centennial Commission on Women's Suffrage account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Secretary of the State for the purposes of supporting the activities of the Centennial Commission on Women's Suffrage. The Secretary of the State may accept donations, grants or financial assistance for such purpose, which shall be deposited in the account.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
Statement of Purpose:
To designate various days and weeks in order to honor or recognize certain groups or raise awareness regarding certain diseases and to create a Centennial Commission on Women's Suffrage account.

[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.]