OLR Bill Analysis
sHB 6652

AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS, WEEKS AND MONTHS.

SUMMARY

This bill changes Advance Directive Awareness Day under current law to Advance Directive Awareness Week, designated as the week of April 16th each year. It also requires the governor to annually proclaim:

- the second week of February to be Kindness Week, to promote acts of kindness among the residents of the state;
- the month of March to be Peace Corps Month, in recognition of Peace Corps volunteers’ service in supporting the global community;
- May 13th to be Xeroderma Pigmentosum Awareness Day, to raise awareness of this genetic disorder characterized by an extreme sensitivity to ultraviolet rays;
- the second Sunday of June to be Connecticut Race Amity Day, to reflect and affirm the dignity of the diverse racial, cultural, and religious backgrounds of the state’s residents;
- the last week of June to be Social Media Safety and Awareness Week, to raise awareness of social media usage’s potential effect on mental health and social media safety; and
- the month of September to be Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month, to raise public awareness of the associated presentation and available treatments for brain aneurysms.

Under the bill, suitable observance exercises may be held in the state capitol and elsewhere as the governor designates.
EFFECTIVE DATE:  Upon passage, except October 1, 2021, for the provision on Advance Directive Awareness Week.

COMMITTEE ACTION
Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea  19  Nay  0  (03/31/2021)