



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5498

House of Representatives, April 14, 2022

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. FOX of the 148th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS, WEEKS AND MONTHS, A SHELTER PET AS THE STATE PET AND THE LOLLIPOP AS THE STATE CANDY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the 2022 supplement to
2 the general statutes is amended by adding subdivisions (104) to (111),
3 inclusive, as follows (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

4 (NEW) (104) The Governor shall proclaim the month of June of each
5 year to be Women Veterans Month, in recognition of the service
6 provided by women veterans. Suitable exercises may be held in the State
7 Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of
8 the month.

9 (NEW) (105) The Governor shall proclaim the month of September of
10 each year to be Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, to raise public
11 awareness of ovarian cancer and available treatments for it. Suitable
12 exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the

13 Governor designates for the observance of the month.

14 (NEW) (106) The Governor shall proclaim the month of September of
15 each year to be Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Awareness Month, to raise
16 public awareness of polycystic ovary syndrome and available
17 treatments for it. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and
18 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the month.

19 (NEW) (107) The Governor shall proclaim the first week of May of
20 each year to be Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week, to raise public
21 awareness of this neurological involuntary movement disorder and
22 available treatments for it. Suitable exercises may be held in the State
23 Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of
24 the week.

25 (NEW) (108) The Governor shall proclaim June thirteenth of each
26 year to be Albinism Awareness Day, to raise public awareness of
27 albinism. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and
28 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

29 (NEW) (109) The Governor shall proclaim September seventh of each
30 year to be Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Day, to raise
31 public awareness of this rare genetic disease that causes progressive
32 muscular degeneration and weakness and available treatments for it.
33 Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the
34 Governor designates for the observance of the day.

35 (NEW) (110) The Governor shall proclaim September fourteenth of
36 each year to be Free Enterprise Day, to recognize the contributions that
37 free enterprise has made to the state's economy. Suitable exercises may
38 be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates
39 for the observance of the day.

40 (NEW) (111) The Governor shall proclaim September seventeenth of
41 each year to be Constitution Day, to commemorate the formation and
42 signing of the United States Constitution. Suitable exercises may be held
43 in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the

44 observance of the day.

45 Sec. 2. Subdivision (103) of subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the 2022
46 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
47 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

48 (103) The Governor shall proclaim the month of March of each year
49 to be Peace Corps Month, in recognition of the service provided by the
50 volunteers of the Peace Corps in supporting the global community.
51 Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the
52 Governor designates for the observance of the month.

53 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) A shelter pet shall be the state
54 pet.

55 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The lollipop shall be the state
56 candy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	10-29a(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	10-29a(a)(103)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section

GAE Joint Favorable Subst.

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Explanation

Sections 1 and 2 outline exercises for designated days, weeks, and months and may result in minimal costs to various state agencies and municipalities. The cost to affected agencies and municipalities will be dependent upon the location, nature, and size of the exercises.

Section 3, which designates a shelter pet as the state pet, has no fiscal impact.

Section 4, which designates the lollipop as the state candy, has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5498*****AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS, WEEKS AND MONTHS, A SHELTER PET AS THE STATE PET AND THE LOLLIPOP AS THE STATE CANDY.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the governor to annually proclaim:

1. the month of June to be Women Veterans Month, in recognition of the service provided by women veterans;
2. the month of September to be Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, to raise public awareness of ovarian cancer and available treatments for it;
3. the month of September to be Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Awareness Month, to raise public awareness of polycystic ovary syndrome and available treatments for it;
4. the first week of May to be Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week, to raise public awareness of this neurological involuntary movement disorder and available treatments for it;
5. June 13 to be Albinism Awareness Day, to raise public awareness of albinism;
6. September 7 to be Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Day, to raise public awareness of this rare genetic disease that causes progressive muscular degeneration and weakness and available treatments for it;
7. September 14 to be Free Enterprise Day, to recognize the contributions that free enterprise has made to the state's economy; and

8. September 17 to be Constitution Day, to commemorate the formation and signing of the United States Constitution.

Under the bill, suitable observance exercises may be held in the state capitol and elsewhere as the governor designates.

The bill establishes (1) the state pet as a shelter pet and (2) the state candy as the lollipop. It also makes a technical correction.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022, except the provisions establishing the state pet and state candy are effective upon passage.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/29/2022)