



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5409***

LCO No. 2403



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS AND WEEKS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions (113) and (114) of subsection (a) of section 10-  
2 29a of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the  
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (113) The Governor shall proclaim September fourteenth of each year  
5 to be Free Enterprise Day, to recognize the innovative spirit of  
6 entrepreneurs and the contributions that [free enterprise has] they have  
7 made to the state's economy. Suitable exercises may be held in the State  
8 Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of  
9 the day.

10 (114) The Governor shall proclaim September seventeenth of each  
11 year to be Constitution Day, to commemorate the formation and signing  
12 of the United States Constitution, and to recognize Connecticut as  
13 having the first written constitution of a democratic government.  
14 Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the

15 Governor designates for the observance of the day.

16 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the 2024 supplement to the  
17 general statutes is amended by adding subdivisions (118) to (123),  
18 inclusive, as follows (*Effective from passage*):

19 (NEW) (118) The Governor shall proclaim April eleventh of each year  
20 as Parkinson's Awareness Day, to raise awareness of the neurological  
21 condition of Parkinson's disease and available treatments for it. Suitable  
22 exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the  
23 Governor designates for the observance of the day.

24 (NEW) (119) The Governor shall proclaim April twenty-sixth of each  
25 year as Tuskegee Airmen Day, to recognize the significant contribution  
26 of the first African American military fighter pilots in American history  
27 who served during World War II, and whose impressive performance  
28 earned them more than one hundred fifty Distinguished Flying Crosses.  
29 Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the  
30 Governor designates for the observance of the day.

31 (NEW) (120) The Governor shall proclaim May fifth of each year as  
32 Red Dress Day, to commemorate missing and murdered indigenous  
33 women and children. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol  
34 and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

35 (NEW) (121) The Governor shall proclaim May tenth of each year as  
36 Dystonia Awareness Day, to raise awareness of the movement disorder  
37 of dystonia that causes muscles to contract involuntarily and available  
38 treatments for it. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and  
39 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

40 (NEW) (122) The Governor shall proclaim May thirteenth to May  
41 nineteenth of each year as Face Equity Week, and May nineteenth of  
42 each year as Face Equity Day, to recognize those with craniofacial  
43 abnormalities. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and  
44 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the week  
45 and day.

46 (NEW) (123) The Governor shall proclaim June first of each year as  
47 Barber Recognition Day, to honor barbers in the state. Suitable exercises  
48 may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor  
49 designates for the observance of the day.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |  |  |
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| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | 10-29a(a)(113) and (114) |
| Sec. 2    | <i>from passage</i> | 10-29a(a)(118) to (123)  |

**Statement of Purpose:**

To designate various days and weeks and revise existing designations.

*[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.]*