



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 363**

LCO No. 2200



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF VARIOUS DAYS,  
WEEKS AND MONTHS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (48) of subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the  
2 2020 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (48) [The Governor shall proclaim the Saturday that is closest to] June  
5 nineteenth of each year [to] shall be observed in Connecticut as  
6 Juneteenth Independence Day in recognition of the formal  
7 emancipation of enslaved African-Americans pursuant to General  
8 Order No. 3 of June 19, 1865, in Galveston, Texas. The Governor shall  
9 annually designate this day with suitable proclamation or letter urging  
10 that on Juneteenth Independence Day schools, civic organizations,  
11 institutions of higher education, governmental departments and all  
12 citizens and groups give serious thought to, and mark by appropriate  
13 exercises of a public nature, the meaning and importance of the end of

14 slavery in the United States and recognize and celebrate the importance  
15 of this day to every person who cherishes liberty and equality for all  
16 people. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and  
17 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

18 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the 2020 supplement to the  
19 general statutes is amended by adding subdivisions (98) to (101),  
20 inclusive, as follows (*Effective from passage*):

21 (NEW) (98) The Governor shall proclaim the month of September  
22 annually to be Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month to heighten public  
23 awareness of the associated presentation and available treatments for  
24 ovarian cancer. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and  
25 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the month.

26 (NEW) (99) The Governor shall proclaim the week of November  
27 thirteenth annually to be Kindness Week to promote acts of kindness  
28 among the residents of the state. Suitable exercises may be held in the  
29 State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the  
30 observance of the week.

31 (NEW) (100) The Governor shall proclaim the Saturday immediately  
32 following the fourth Thursday in November of each year to be Small  
33 Business Saturday in recognition of the value small businesses provide  
34 to the state and national economies. Suitable exercises may be held in  
35 the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the  
36 observance of the day.

37 (NEW) (101) The Governor shall proclaim the week beginning with  
38 the third Monday of February of each year to be Connecticut  
39 Entrepreneur Week to honor entrepreneurs of the state for their  
40 innovative contributions to the state's economy. Suitable exercises may  
41 be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates  
42 for the observance of the week.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-29a(a)(48)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	10-29a(a)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To designate various days, weeks and months.

*[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.]*