

1 **MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN'S DAY**

2 2017 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

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11 **LONG TITLE**

12 **General Description:**

13 This bill modifies provisions relating to commemorative periods.

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

15 This bill:

16 ▶ provides that Rachael Runyan/Missing and Exploited Children's Day shall be
17 commemorated annually on August 26.

18 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

19 None

20 **Other Special Clauses:**

21 None

22 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

23 AMENDS:

24 **63G-1-401**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 218

26 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

27 Section 1. Section **63G-1-401** is amended to read:

28 **63G-1-401. Commemorative periods.**

29 (1) The following days shall be commemorated annually:

30 (a) Bill of Rights Day, on December 15;

31 (b) Constitution Day, on September 17;

32 (c) Yellow Ribbon Day, on the third Monday in May, in honor of men and women who
33 are serving or have served in the United States Armed Forces around the world in defense of
34 freedom;

35 (d) POW/MIA Recognition Day, on the third Friday in September;

36 (e) Indigenous People Day, on the Monday immediately preceding Thanksgiving;

37 (f) Utah State Flag Day, on March 9;

38 (g) Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day, on March 29;

39 (h) Utah History Day at the Capitol, on the Friday immediately following the fourth
40 Monday in January, to encourage citizens of the state, including students, to participate in
41 activities that recognize Utah's history; ~~and~~

42 (i) Juneteenth Freedom Day, on the third Saturday in June, in honor of Union General
43 Gordon Granger proclaiming the freedom of all slaves on June 19, 1865, in Galveston,
44 Texas[-]; and

45 (j) Rachael Runyan/Missing and Exploited Children's Day, on August 26, the
46 anniversary of the day three-year-old Rachael Runyan was kidnaped from a playground in
47 Sunset, Utah, to:

48 (i) encourage individuals to make child safety a priority;

49 (ii) remember the importance of continued efforts to reunite missing children with their
50 families; and

51 (iii) honor Rachael Runyan and all Utah children who have been abducted or exploited.

52 (2) The Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs shall coordinate activities, special
53 programs, and promotional information to heighten public awareness and involvement relating
54 to Subsections (1)(c) and (d).

55 (3) The month of October shall be commemorated annually as Italian-American

56 Heritage Month.

57 (4) The month of November shall be commemorated annually as American Indian
58 Heritage Month.

59 (5) The month of April shall be commemorated annually as Clean Out the Medicine
60 Cabinet Month to:

61 (a) recognize the urgent need to make Utah homes and neighborhoods safe from
62 prescription medication abuse and poisonings by the proper home storage and disposal of
63 prescription and over-the-counter medications; and

64 (b) educate citizens about the permanent medication disposal sites in Utah listed on
65 useonlyasdirected.org that allow disposal throughout the year.

66 (6) The first full week of May shall be commemorated annually as State Water Week
67 to recognize the importance of water conservation, quality, and supply in the state.

68 (7) The second Friday and Saturday in August shall be commemorated annually as
69 Utah Fallen Heroes Days to:

70 (a) honor fallen heroes who, during service in the military or public safety, have
71 sacrificed their lives to protect the country and the citizens of the state; and

72 (b) encourage political subdivisions to acknowledge and honor fallen heroes.

73 (8) The third full week in August shall be commemorated annually as Drowsy Driving
74 Awareness Week to:

75 (a) educate the public about the relationship between fatigue and driving performance;
76 and

77 (b) encourage the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Transportation to
78 recognize and promote educational efforts on the dangers of drowsy driving.

79 (9) The third full week of June shall be commemorated annually as Workplace Safety
80 Week to heighten public awareness regarding the importance of safety in the workplace.