

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jim Dabakis

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions relating to legal holidays and commemorative periods.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides that the second Monday of October is a legal holiday called Indigenous Peoples Day; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63G-1-301, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382

63G-1-401, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapters 80, 86, 92, and 123

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

Section 1. Section **63G-1-301** is amended to read:

63G-1-301. Legal holidays -- Personal preference day -- Governor authorized to declare additional days.



28 (1) (a) The following-named days are legal holidays in this state:
29 (i) every Sunday;
30 (ii) January 1, called New Year's Day;
31 (iii) the third Monday of January, called Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;
32 (iv) the third Monday of February, called Washington and Lincoln Day;
33 (v) the last Monday of May, called Memorial Day;
34 (vi) July 4, called Independence Day;
35 (vii) July 24, called Pioneer Day;
36 (viii) the first Monday of September, called Labor Day;
37 (ix) the second Monday of October, called [~~Columbus~~] Indigenous Peoples Day;
38 (x) November 11, called Veterans' Day;
39 (xi) the fourth Thursday of November, called Thanksgiving Day;
40 (xii) December 25, called Christmas; and
41 (xiii) all days which may be set apart by the president of the United States, or the
42 governor of this state by proclamation as days of fast or thanksgiving.

43 (b) If any of the holidays under Subsection (1)(a), except the first mentioned, namely
44 Sunday, falls on Sunday, then the following Monday shall be the holiday.

45 (c) If any of the holidays under Subsection (1)(a) falls on Saturday the preceding Friday
46 shall be the holiday.

47 (d) Each employee may select one additional day, called Personal Preference Day, to
48 be scheduled pursuant to rules adopted by the Department of Human Resource Management.

49 (2) (a) Whenever in the governor's opinion extraordinary conditions exist justifying the
50 action, the governor may:

51 (i) declare, by proclamation, legal holidays in addition to those holidays under
52 Subsection (1); and

53 (ii) limit the holidays to certain classes of business and activities to be designated by
54 the governor.

55 (b) A holiday may not extend for a longer period than 60 consecutive days.

56 (c) Any holiday may be renewed for one or more periods not exceeding 30 days each as
57 the governor may consider necessary, and any holiday may, by like proclamation, be terminated
58 before the expiration of the period for which it was declared.

59 Section 2. Section **63G-1-401** is amended to read:

60 **63G-1-401. Commemorative periods.**

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

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

63 (b) Constitution Day, on September 17;

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

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

68 [~~(e) Indigenous People Day, on the Monday immediately preceding Thanksgiving;~~]

69 [~~(f)~~ (e) Utah State Flag Day, on March 9;

70 [~~(g)~~ (f) Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day, on March 29; and

71 [~~(h)~~ (g) Utah History Day at the Capitol, on the Friday immediately following the
72 fourth Monday in January, to encourage citizens of the state, including students, to participate
73 in activities that recognize Utah's history.

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

77 (3) The month of October shall be commemorated annually as Italian-American
78 Heritage Month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

97 (a) educate the public about the relationship between fatigue and driving performance;
98 and

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

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

Legislative Review Note
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