

## HOUSE COMMITTEE BILL NO. 3

## AN ACT

To amend chapter 9, RSMo, by adding thereto thirteen new sections relating to state holiday designations.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI,  
AS FOLLOWS:

Section A. Chapter 9, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto thirteen new sections, to be known as sections 9.052, 9.090, 9.117, 9.152, 9.169, 9.225, 9.227, 9.235, 9.240, 9.275, 9.284, and 9.285 to read as follows:

9.052. The first Friday in May each year is hereby designated as "Law Enforcement Appreciation Day" in the state of Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to observe the day with appropriate activities and events to recognize and support the brave men and women who undertake the difficult and sometimes unattainable pledge to protect and serve the public.

9.090. November ninth each year is hereby designated and shall be known as "Stars and Stripes Day" in Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to engage in appropriate events and activities to commemorate the creation of the newspaper of the United States Armed Forces, first printed by Union troops on November 9, 1861, using the press of the Bloomfield Herald in Bloomfield, Missouri.

9.117. May twenty-sixth of each year shall be known as "Battle of St. Louis Memorial Day" in the state of Missouri. Citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in

1 appropriate events and activities to commemorate the only battle  
2 of the American Revolution fought in what would become the state  
3 of Missouri.

4 9.152. The month of May is hereby designated as "Mental  
5 Health Awareness Month". The citizens of this state are  
6 encouraged to participate in appropriate awareness and  
7 educational activities that emphasize the importance of good  
8 mental health and the effects of mental illness on Missourians.

9 9.166. The month of July shall be known as "Minority Mental  
10 Health Awareness Month." The citizens of this state are  
11 encouraged to observe the month with appropriate events and  
12 activities to raise awareness of the effects of mental illness on  
13 minorities.

14 9.169. August thirty-first each year shall be known as  
15 "Random Acts of Kindness Day" in Missouri to mark the beginning  
16 of suicide prevention awareness month in September. The citizens  
17 of this state are encouraged to celebrate this day by engaging in  
18 random acts of kindness toward their fellow citizens and  
19 remembering that one small act of kindness has the power to  
20 change the course of a person's life and the potential to impact  
21 countless lives as random acts of kindness are paid forward.

22 9.225. November thirtieth of each year is hereby designated  
23 as "Mark Twain Day". The citizens of this state are encouraged  
24 to engage in appropriate events and activities to commemorate the  
25 life and accomplishments of Mark Twain.

26 9.227. March fifth of each year is hereby designated as  
27 "Iron Curtain Speech Day" in Missouri. Citizens of this state

1 are encouraged to celebrate with appropriate events and  
2 activities to recognize the anniversary of Winston Churchill's  
3 famous speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, on  
4 March 5, 1946.

5 9.235. The second Wednesday in May shall be designated as  
6 "Celiac Awareness Day". The citizens of this state are  
7 encouraged to participate in appropriate events and activities  
8 that increase awareness of celiac disease.

9 9.240. July seventh of each year shall be designated as  
10 "Missouri Sliced Bread Day". The citizens of this state are  
11 encouraged to participate in appropriate activities and events to  
12 commemorate the first sale of sliced bread on July 7, 1928, in  
13 Chillicothe, Missouri.

14 9.275. The month of June is hereby designated as  
15 "Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month" in Missouri. The citizens of  
16 this state are encouraged to celebrate the month with events and  
17 activities to raise awareness about this treatable, but  
18 progressive and difficult to diagnose disease.

19 9.284. December twenty-fifth of each year shall be known  
20 and designated as "Christmas Day" in the state of Missouri.

21 9.285. September ninth of each year is hereby designated  
22 and shall be known as "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness  
23 Day" in honor of Adleigh, a young Missourian who lost her battle  
24 with this terminal form of childhood cancer. Citizens of this  
25 state are encouraged to recognize this day with appropriate  
26 events and activities to raise awareness and educate others about  
27 this disease.