

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE COMMITTEE BILL NO. 3

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JUSTUS.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 9, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto fifteen new sections, to be known as sections 9.052, 9.090, 9.117, 9.152, 9.159, 9.166, 9.169, 9.182, 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 appropriate events and activities to commemorate the only battle of the American Revolution fought in what would become the state of Missouri.

9.152. The month of May is hereby designated as "Mental Health Awareness Month". The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate awareness

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

3 and educational activities that emphasize the importance of good mental health and the
4 effects of mental illness on Missourians.

2 9.159. January fifth is hereby designated as "Kappa Alpha Psi Day" in the state of
3 Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to observe the day with appropriate
4 activities and events to commemorate the founding of the first nationally incorporated
5 college fraternity for African Americans.

2 9.166. The month of July shall be known as "Minority Mental Health Awareness
3 Month." The citizens of this state are encouraged to observe the month with appropriate
4 events and activities to raise awareness of the effects of mental illness on minorities.

2 9.169. August thirty-first each year shall be known as "Random Acts of Kindness
3 Day" in Missouri to mark the beginning of suicide prevention awareness month in
4 September. The citizens of this state are encouraged to celebrate this day by engaging in
5 random acts of kindness toward their fellow citizens and remembering that one small act
6 of kindness has the power to change the course of a person's life and the potential to impact
7 countless lives as random acts of kindness are paid forward.

2 9.182. The month of September shall be designated as "Deaf Awareness Month"
3 and the last week of September shall be designated as "Deaf Awareness Week" in
4 Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate activities
5 and events to commemorate the first World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf
6 in 1951 and to increase awareness of deaf issues, people, and culture.

2 9.225. November thirtieth of each year is hereby designated as "Mark Twain Day".
3 The citizens of this state are encouraged to engage in appropriate events and activities to
4 commemorate the life and accomplishments of Mark Twain.

2 9.227. March fifth of each year is hereby designated as "Iron Curtain Speech Day"
3 in Missouri. Citizens of this state are encouraged to celebrate with appropriate events and
4 activities to recognize the anniversary of Winston Churchill's famous speech at
5 Westminister College in Fulton, Missouri, on March 5, 1946.

2 9.235. The second Wednesday in May shall be designated as "Celiac Awareness
3 Day". The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events and
4 activities that increase awareness of celiac disease.

2 9.240. July seventh of each year shall be designated as "Missouri Sliced Bread
3 Day". The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate activities and
4 events to commemorate the first sale of sliced bread on July 7, 1928, in Chillicothe,
5 Missouri.

2 9.275. The month of June is hereby designated as "Myasthenia Gravis Awareness
3 Month" in Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to celebrate the month with

3 events and activities to raise awareness about this treatable, but progressive and difficult
4 to diagnose disease.

2 9.284. December twenty-fifth of each year shall be known and designated as
2 "Christmas Day" in the state of Missouri.

2 9.285. September ninth of each year is hereby designated and shall be known as
2 "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day" in honor of Adleigh, a young
3 Missourian who lost her battle with this terminal form of childhood cancer. Citizens of this
4 state are encouraged to recognize this day with appropriate events and activities to raise
5 awareness and educate others about this disease.

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