

SS SCS HB 565 -- STATE DESIGNATIONS

This bill creates seven new state designations:

- (1) November 9th shall be known as "Stars and Stripes Day" to commemorate Missouri's role in the creation of the newspaper of the United States Armed Forces (Section 9.090, RSMo);
- (2) May 26th shall be known as "Battle of St. Louis Memorial Day" to commemorate the only battle of the American Revolution fought in what would become the state of Missouri (Section 9.117);
- (3) July 7th shall be known as "Missouri Sliced Bread Day" to commemorate the first sale of sliced bread in Chillicothe, in 1928 (Section 9.240);
- (4) November is designated as "Cardiovascular Disease and Type 2 Diabetes Awareness Month" (Section 9.290);
- (5) The pawpaw tree is designated as the state fruit tree (Section 10.105);
- (6) The Missouri "Show Me" tartan is the official tartan of the state. The colors of blue, brown, and silver are derived from the eastern bluebird, the Missouri mule, and the bear on the state flag, and the crescent moon, representing vigilance and justice, valor, purity, steadfastness, hope, and strength (Section 10.190); and
- (7) The hellbender salamander, also known as the snot otter, or lasagna lizard, is the official endangered species of Missouri (Section 10.200).