

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
[TRULY AGREED TO AND FINALLY PASSED]  
SENATE SUBSTITUTE NO. 2 FOR  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 2576**  
**103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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**AN ACT**

To repeal section 9.289 as enacted by house bill no. 1738, one hundred first general assembly, second regular session, and section 9.289 as enacted by house bill no. 2627, one hundred first general assembly, second regular session, and to enact in lieu thereof fifty new sections relating to state designations.

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

Section A. Section 9.289 as enacted by house bill no. 1738, one hundred first general  
2 assembly, second regular session, and section 9.289 as enacted by house bill no. 2627, one  
3 hundred first general assembly, second regular session, are repealed and fifty new sections  
4 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 9.021, 9.025, 9.238, 9.289, 9.358, 9.392,  
5 9.405, 9.412, 9.413, 9.418, 9.501, 9.502, 9.504, 9.509, 9.510, 9.513, 9.514, 9.516, 10.265,  
6 10.281, 10.282, 10.283, 10.284, 10.287, 10.288, 10.289, 10.292, 227.895, 227.898, 227.900,  
7 227.901, 227.902, 227.903, 227.904, 227.905, 227.906, 227.907, 227.908, 227.909, 227.910,  
8 227.911, 227.912, 227.913, 227.915, 227.917, 227.918, 620.430, 1, 2, and 3, to read as  
9 follows:

**9.021. The week beginning the last Monday of September each year shall be  
2 known as "Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD) Awareness Week" in Missouri.  
3 Frontotemporal degeneration, also frequently referred to as frontotemporal dementia,  
4 represents a group of brain disorders caused by degeneration of the frontal or temporal  
5 lobes of the brain, representing the most common form of dementia for people under the**

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.

6 **age of sixty. The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate**  
7 **events and activities that will increase awareness of frontotemporal degeneration, to**  
8 **support programs of research and education surrounding frontotemporal degeneration,**  
9 **and to support individuals and families impacted by frontotemporal degeneration.**

2 **9.025. The month of January is hereby designated as "Blood Donor Awareness**  
3 **Month". It is recommended to the people of this state that the month be appropriately**  
4 **observed through activities that increase awareness of the importance of blood**  
5 **donation. The state deems blood and blood products to be a critical resource and a vital**  
6 **public health asset that must be readily available at all times.**

2 **9.238. The month of September is hereby designated as "Pediatric Cancer**  
3 **Awareness Month" in Missouri. Pediatric cancers are the leading cause of death from**  
4 **disease among children in the United States. The citizens of the state of Missouri are**  
5 **encouraged to participate in events that honor and support families who have been**  
6 **impacted by pediatric cancer, raise awareness, and fund research into pediatric cancer**  
7 **prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.**

2 ~~9.289. 1. The first full week in May each year shall be known and~~  
3 ~~designated as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week". Tardive dyskinesia is a~~  
4 ~~movement disorder that is characterized by random, involuntary, and~~  
5 ~~uncontrolled movements of different muscles in the face, trunk, and~~  
6 ~~extremities. The citizens of this state are encouraged to observe the week~~  
7 ~~with appropriate events and activities to raise awareness of tardive dyskinesia.~~

~~2. The provisions of this section shall expire on August 28, 2026.]~~

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3 **"Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week". Tardive dyskinesia is a movement disorder that is**  
4 **characterized by random, involuntary, and uncontrolled movements of different muscles in**  
5 **the face, trunk, and extremities. The citizens of this state are encouraged to observe the week**  
6 **with appropriate events and activities to raise awareness of tardive dyskinesia.**

~~2. The provisions of this section shall expire on August 28, 2027.]~~

2 **9.358. April twenty-second each year is hereby designated as "Missouri Black**  
3 **Bear Awareness Day". Citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in**  
4 **appropriate events and activities to provide education about efforts to conserve**  
5 **Missouri's black bear population.**

2 **9.392. December first each year is hereby designated as "Freeman Bosley, Sr.**  
3 **Day" in Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate**  
4 **events and activities to celebrate the legendary St. Louis City politician who retired in**  
5 **2017 after thirty years of service to the city and was an advocate for young people**  
6 **participating in government and engaging in public service.**

9.405. April twenty-seventh each year is hereby designated as "Ulysses S. Grant Day" in Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events and activities to celebrate the life of the Civil War general and eighteenth president of the United States, who made his home in St. Louis, Missouri, in the years following his graduation from West Point and before the Civil War.

9.412. The month of September each year is hereby designated as "Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month" in Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events and activities to raise awareness about the causes of and treatments for brain aneurysms, which affect nearly two hundred thousand people each year.

9.413. November twenty-fourth each year is hereby designated as "Frankie Muse Freeman Day" in Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events and activities to celebrate Frankie Muse Freeman, a St. Louis attorney who was a champion for civil rights, won a landmark case that ended legal racial discrimination in St. Louis public housing, and was the first black woman appointed to the United States Commission on Civil Rights by president Lyndon B. Johnson.

9.418. The last full week of April each year shall be known as "Infertility Awareness Week" in Missouri. It is estimated that approximately one in eight couples in the United States experience infertility, impacting people across all racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and cultural backgrounds. The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events and activities to raise awareness about infertility.

9.501. The first full week in September each year is hereby designated as "June's Week" and "Rare Pediatric Disease Week" in Missouri in honor of June, a young Missourian undergoing treatment for an atypical teratoid rhabdoid tumor, subtype B (ATRT-B). The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events and activities to raise public awareness of rare pediatric diseases, encourage early recognition of symptoms, and honor Missouri children and families affected by rare pediatric diseases.

9.502. March twenty-sixth of each year is hereby designated as "Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS)/Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcus (PANDAS) Awareness Day". The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events and activities to raise PANS/PANDAS awareness.

9.504. April fifth each year is hereby designated as "Racquetball Day" in Missouri, in honor of Kirkwood Racquetball, USA Racquetball's five-time consecutive high school national champions. The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate

4 in appropriate events and activities to learn more about the sport of racquetball and  
5 celebrate Missouri's racquetball accomplishments.

9.509. April thirtieth each year is hereby designated as "William Lacy Clay Sr.  
2 Day" in Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate  
3 events and activities to celebrate the life and legacy of William Lacy Clay Sr., who  
4 represented Missouri's first district in Congress from 1969 to 2001 and was one of the  
5 founding members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

9.510. May tenth each year is hereby designated as "Missouri River Runner  
2 Day" in Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate  
3 events and activities to recognize the role of passenger rail in connecting Missouri  
4 communities, supporting economic development, and promoting safe and reliable  
5 transportation across the state.

9.513. March twelfth each year is hereby designated as "Charlie Parker Day" in  
2 Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events  
3 and activities to celebrate the life and contributions of Charlie Parker, an influential  
4 saxophonist, band leader, and composer who was also a leading figure in the  
5 development of bebop.

9.514. July fifteenth each year is hereby designated as "Leon Jordan Day" in  
2 Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events  
3 and activities to celebrate the life and legacy of Leon Jordan, an influential African-  
4 American politician and civil rights leader who was assassinated on July 15, 1970, while  
5 serving as a member of the Missouri house of representatives.

9.516. June twenty-eighth each year is hereby designated as "Eliot and Muriel  
2 Battle Day" in Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in  
3 appropriate events and activities to celebrate the lives of Eliot Battle, the first Black  
4 faculty member at Hickman High School in Columbia, and Muriel Battle, the first Black  
5 principal in the Columbia Public School District. The couple worked as a team to ease  
6 racial tensions during the 1960s and have been recognized with schools in Columbia  
7 named in their honor: Eliot Battle Elementary School and Muriel Williams Battle High  
8 School.

10.265. The song "Missouri", written by Musician 1st Class Kenny Ray Horton,  
2 is selected for, and shall be known as, the official state promotional song for the state of  
3 Missouri.

10.281. The smooth chanterelle, scientifically known as *Cantharellus lateritius*, is  
2 selected for and shall be known as the official mushroom for the state of Missouri.

10.282. The city of Dexter is selected for and shall be known as the official "Rib  
2 City" for the state of Missouri.

2 **10.283. Missouri Military Academy in the city of Mexico is selected for and shall**  
2 **be known as the official military academy of the state of Missouri.**

2 **10.284. The Missouri Cherry Blossom Festival in the city of Marshfield is**  
2 **selected for and shall be known as the official state cherry blossom festival for the state**  
3 **of Missouri.**

2 **10.287. The city of Kansas City is selected for and shall be known as the official**  
2 **"Barbecue Capital" of the state of Missouri.**

2 **10.288. The city of Belle is selected for and shall be known as the official**  
2 **"Cowbell Capital" of the state of Missouri.**

2 **10.289. The city of Bland is selected for and shall be officially known as "The**  
2 **Silver City of the Rock Island Trail" for the state of Missouri.**

2 **10.292. If the Kansas City Chiefs relocate outside of this state, the St. Louis**  
2 **Battlehawks shall be the official professional football team of the state of Missouri.**

2 **227.895. The portion of State Highway D from State Highway C continuing**  
2 **north to State Highway Y in St. Francois County shall be designated as the "Carl G**  
3 **Koester Memorial Highway". The department of transportation shall erect and**  
4 **maintain signs designating such highway, with the costs to be paid by private donations.**

2 **227.898. The portion of State Highway WW from State Highway 13 continuing**  
2 **to State Highway H in Greene County shall be designated the "Gary D McCormack**  
3 **Nemo Macto Unus Memorial Highway". The department of transportation shall erect**  
4 **and maintain appropriate signs designating such highway, with the costs to be paid by**  
5 **the department of transportation.**

2 **227.900. The bridge on CST Dougherty Ferry Road crossing over Interstate 270**  
2 **in St. Louis County shall be designated the "Army SSG Salvatore Palazzolo Memorial**  
3 **Bridge". The department of transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs**  
4 **designating such bridge, with the costs to be paid by the department of transportation.**

2 **227.901. The portion of U.S. Highway 24 from Davis Road continuing east to**  
2 **Ferguson Spring Road in Jackson County shall be designated the "WWII Robert Earl**  
3 **Sauls Memorial Highway". The department of transportation shall erect and maintain**  
4 **appropriate signs designating such highway, with the costs to be paid by private**  
5 **donations.**

2 **227.902. The portion of State Highway E from CRD 101 continuing east to CRD**  
2 **361 in Johnson County shall be designated the "Captain Vernon Collett Memorial**  
3 **Highway". The department of transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate**  
4 **signs designating such highway, with the costs to be paid by the department of**  
5 **transportation.**

227.903. The bridge on State Highway CC crossing over Interstate 44 in Webster  
2 County shall be designated the "Dr Tommy Macdonnell Memorial Bridge". The  
3 department of transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs designating  
4 such bridge. Notwithstanding provisions of section 227.296, the costs shall be paid by  
5 the department of transportation in recognition of the honoree's Silver Star Award.

227.904. The portion of State Highway 13 from Interstate 35 continuing north to  
2 U.S. Highway 136/69 in Harrison County shall be designated the "Dr Scott Hall  
3 Memorial Highway". The department of transportation shall erect and maintain  
4 appropriate signs designating such highway, with the costs to be paid by private  
5 donations.

227.905. The bridge on Business 63 crossing over U.S. Highway 60 in Howell  
2 County shall be designated the "Jerrad Bennett Memorial Bridge". The department of  
3 transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs designating such bridge, with  
4 the costs to be paid by private donations.

227.906. The portion of State Highway 9 from Horizons Parkway continuing  
2 north to Park College Entrance Drive in Platte County shall be designated as the  
3 "Firefighter Paramedic Graham J Hoffman Memorial Highway". The department of  
4 transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs designating such highway,  
5 with the costs to be paid by the department of transportation.

227.907. The bridge on State Highway 139 crossing over Barber Creek in  
2 Putnam County shall be designated the "PVT William W Smith Memorial Bridge".  
3 The department of transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs  
4 designating such bridge, with the costs to be paid by the department of transportation.

227.908. The bridge on State Highway 139 crossing over Hooton/Newtown Creek  
2 in Sullivan County shall be designated the "CPL Vernon D Jobe Memorial Bridge".  
3 The department of transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs  
4 designating such bridge, with the costs to be paid by the department of transportation.

227.909. The bridge on State Highway EE crossing over Medicine Creek in  
2 Sullivan County shall be designated the "PVT Charles A Paxton Memorial Bridge".  
3 The department of transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs  
4 designating such bridge, with the costs to be paid by the department of transportation.

227.910. The portion of State Highway D from CST Quendo Avenue continuing  
2 east to CST Sutter Avenue in St. Louis County shall be designated the "Mayor Mary  
3 Louise Carter Highway". The department of transportation shall erect and maintain  
4 appropriate signs designating such highway, with the costs to be paid by private  
5 donations.

227.911. The portion of U.S. Highway 61 from CRD R7 School Road continuing north to CRD Plattin Road in Jefferson County shall be designated the "Army PFC Gary Prather Memorial Highway". The department of transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs designating such highway, with the costs to be paid by the department of transportation.

227.912. The portion of U.S. Highway 63 from the southern access at CST East Street/State Highway 17 continuing north to CST Main Street in Texas County shall be designated the "Emmett Kelly Sr Memorial Highway". The department of transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs designating such highway, with the costs to be paid by private donations.

227.913. The portion of State Highway 79 from State Highway D continuing north to CRD 118 in Pike County shall be designated as the "Police Chief Richard A Hughes Memorial Highway". The department of transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs designating such highway, with the costs to be paid by the department of transportation.

227.915. The bridge on Interstate 70 crossing over CST Grand Blvd in St. Louis city shall be designated as the "Freeman Bosley Sr Memorial Bridge". The department of transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs designating such bridge, with the costs to be paid by private donations.

227.917. The portion of State Route PP from Tanzanite Drive to the eastern fork in State Route PP in Boone County shall be designated as the "Officer Evan Alexander Dunn Memorial Highway". The department of transportation shall erect and maintain signs designating such highway, with the costs to be paid by the department of transportation.

227.918. The portion of State Highway AC from Providence Road to Lemone Industrial Boulevard in Boone County shall be designated as the "Betty Ann McCaskill Memorial Highway". The department of transportation shall erect and maintain signs designating such highway, with the costs to be paid by private donations.

620.430. 1. There is hereby established the designation of "Missouri Rock Island Trail Community" for municipalities located along the Rock Island Trail corridor that promote outdoor recreation, heritage tourism, and economic development within this state.

2. The following municipalities are hereby designated as Missouri Rock Island Trail communities:

- (1) The City of Bland; and
- (2) The City of Belle.

9           **3. Additional municipalities located along the Rock Island Trail corridor may be**  
10 **designated as Missouri Rock Island Trail Communities by act of the general assembly.**

11           **4. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the expenditure of state**  
12 **funds.**

**Section 1. The portion of Interstate 70 from State Highway 13 continuing east to**  
2 **State Highway T in Lafayette County shall be designated as "George Seals Memorial**  
3 **Highway". The department of transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs**  
4 **designating such highway, with the costs to be paid by private donations.**

**Section 2. The portion of State Highway 86 from 50th Street continuing south to**  
2 **Redding Mill Bridge in Newton County shall be designated as the "Constable John**  
3 **Wesley Harryman Sr Memorial Highway". The department of transportation shall**  
4 **erect and maintain appropriate signs designating such highway, with the costs to be paid**  
5 **by private donations.**

**Section 3. September twelfth of each year is hereby designated as "George Jones**  
2 **Day" in Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate**  
3 **events and activities to recognize the musical accomplishments of George Jones.**

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