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HOUSE BILL NO. 2627

AN ACT

To amend chapters 9 and 227, RSMo, by adding thereto ten new sections relating to state designations.

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

Section A. Chapters 9 and 227, RSMo, are amended by adding

- thereto ten new sections, to be known as sections 9.142, 9.170,
- 3 9.236, 9.288, 9.289, 9.315, 9.340, 9.353, 9.356, and 227.807,
- 4 to read as follows:
 - 9.142. January thirty-first of every year is hereby
- 2 designated as "Constitution Day" in Missouri. Citizens of
- 3 this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate
- 4 events and activities in recognition of the enduring
- 5 brilliance of our founding charter that established a system
- 6 of checks and balances designed to preserve liberty, promote
- 7 prosperity, and ensure the security of our beloved country.
 - 9.170. The third week of September shall be known as
- 2 "Historically Black College and University Week" in
- 3 Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to
- 4 observe the week with appropriate events and activities
- 5 recognizing the importance of historically black colleges
- 6 and universities, especially Lincoln University and Harris-
- 7 Stowe State University, the two historically black colleges
- 8 and universities located in Missouri.
 - 9.236. The third full week in September of each year
- 2 shall be known and designated as "Sickle Cell Awareness

- 3 Week". Sickle cell disease is a genetic disease in which a
- 4 person's body produces abnormally shaped red blood cells
- 5 that resemble a crescent and that do not last as long as
- 6 normal round red blood cells, which leads to anemia. It is
- 7 recommended to the people of the state that the week be
- 8 appropriately observed through activities that will increase
- 9 awareness of sickle cell disease and efforts to improve
- 10 treatment options for patients.
 - 9.288. April eighteenth of each year shall be known
- 2 and designated as "Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome Awareness
- 3 Day". Hypoplastic left heart syndrome is a critical
- 4 congenital heart defect that forms during the pregnancy when
- 5 portions of the left side of the baby's heart remain
- 6 underdeveloped or too small. It is recommended to the
- 7 people of the state that the day be appropriately observed
- 8 through activities that will increase awareness of
- 9 hypoplastic left heart syndrome.
 - 9.289. 1. The first full week of May each year shall
- 2 be known and designated as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness
- 3 Week". Tardive dyskinesia is a movement disorder that is
- 4 characterized by random, involuntary, and uncontrolled
- 5 movements of different muscles in the face, trunk, and
- 6 extremities. The citizens of this state are encouraged to
- 7 observe the week with appropriate events and activities to
- 8 raise awareness of tardive dyskinesia.
- 9 2. The provisions of this section shall expire on
- 10 August 28, 2027.
 - 9.315. The second full week in March is hereby
- 2 designated as "Pet Breeders Week" in Missouri. Citizens of
- 3 this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate
- 4 events and activities in recognition of ethical and
- 5 responsible pet breeders throughout our state for the joy
- 6 they bring to pet owners.

- 9.340. December third each year is hereby designated
- 2 as "Betty L. Thompson Day" in Missouri. Citizens of this
- 3 state are encouraged to engage in appropriate events and
- 4 activities to honor the life and work of Betty Thompson's
- 5 contributions to the state of Missouri.
 - 9.353. The month of February is hereby designated as
- 2 "Black History Month" in Missouri. The citizens of this
- 3 state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events
- 4 and activities to honor the struggles and triumphs of black
- 5 Americans throughout the history of the United States.
 - 9.356. The month of November is hereby designated as
- 2 "Native American Heritage Month" in Missouri. The citizens
- 3 of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate
- 4 events and activities to honor the struggles and triumphs of
- 5 Native Americans throughout the history of the United States.
 - 227.807. The bridge on U.S. Highway 54 crossing the
- 2 Missouri River at Jefferson City in Cole and Callaway
- 3 counties shall be designated the "Senator Roy Blunt
- 4 Bridge". The department of transportation shall erect and
- 5 maintain appropriate signs designating such bridge, with the
- 6 costs to be paid by private donations.