

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2462
101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5186H.02C

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 9, RSMo, by adding thereto eleven new sections relating to state 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 eleven new sections, to be
2 known as sections 9.235, 9.236, 9.275, 9.289, 9.345, 9.346, 9.347, 9.348, 9.350, 9.351, and
3 9.352, to read as follows:

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

9.236. The third full week in September of each year shall be known and
2 **designated as "Sickle Cell Awareness Week". Sickle cell disease is a genetic disease in**
3 **which a person's body produces abnormally shaped red blood cells that resemble a**
4 **crescent and that do not last as long as normal round red blood cells, which leads to**
5 **anemia. It is recommended to the people of the state that the week be appropriately**
6 **observed through activities that will increase awareness of sickle cell disease and efforts**
7 **to improve treatment options for patients.**

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

9.289. 1. The first full week in May each year shall be known and designated as
2 **"Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week". Tardive dyskinesia is a movement disorder that**
3 **is characterized by random, involuntary, and uncontrolled movements of different**

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.

4 muscles in the face, trunk, and extremities. The citizens of this state are encouraged to
5 observe the week with appropriate events and activities to raise awareness of tardive
6 dyskinesia.

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

9.345. The month of September each year is hereby designated as "Polycystic
2 Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) Awareness Day" in Missouri. Citizens of this state are
3 encouraged to participate in appropriate events and activities to raise awareness about
4 PCOS, a common hormonal disorder that causes ovarian cysts, infertility, menstrual
5 irregularity, and obesity in women.

9.346. The month of July is hereby designated as "Uterine Fibroid Awareness
2 Month" in Missouri. Citizens of this state are encouraged to wear white on July first
3 and participate in appropriate events and activities to raise awareness about uterine
4 fibroids, benign tumors that grow in the uterus and cause pain, heavy bleeding, and
5 reproductive problems.

9.347. The month of October is hereby designated as "Substance Abuse
2 Awareness and Prevention Month" in Missouri. Citizens of this state are encouraged to
3 participate in appropriate events and activities to raise awareness about the dangers of
4 substance abuse and the need to expand outreach and educational efforts.

9.348. September fifteenth each year is hereby designated as "Caregiver
2 Appreciation Day" in Missouri. Citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in
3 appropriate events and activities to recognize the efforts of home health, hospice, and
4 unpaid relative caregivers who give care and dignity to the elderly and infirm.

9.350. October first each year is hereby designated as "Biliary Atresia
2 Awareness Day" in Missouri, in memory of Annistyn Kate Rackley. The citizens of this
3 state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events and activities to raise
4 awareness about this rare congenital liver disease that occurs when bile ducts do not
5 develop normally.

9.351. The sixteenth of April each year is hereby designated as "Missouri Donate
2 Life Day" in the state of Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to
3 participate in appropriate activities and events to increase public awareness of the need
4 for organ donation and organ donors.

9.352. The month of May and May tenth of each year are hereby designated as
2 "Lupus Awareness Month" and "Lupus Awareness Day" in Missouri. The citizens of
3 this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events and activities to raise
4 awareness about the diagnosis and treatment of lupus and the impact on the lives of
5 individuals living with lupus.