

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
[PERFECTED]  
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 2462**  
**101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

5186H.02P

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 9, RSMo, by adding thereto eleven 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. 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**

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 is characterized by random, involuntary, and uncontrolled movements of different  
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.