

**Representative Curtis Oda** proposes the following substitute bill:

**VIETNAM VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY**

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Curtis Oda**

Senate Sponsor: Peter C. Knudson

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill declares a day to be remembered as the Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ designates March 29 as Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides an immediate effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**63G-1-401**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 214

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **63G-1-401** is amended to read:

**63G-1-401. Commemorative periods.**

(1) The following days shall be commemorated yearly:

- (a) Bill of Rights Day, on December 15;



- 26 (b) Constitution Day, on September 17;
- 27 (c) Yellow Ribbon Day, on the third Monday in May, in honor of men and women who
- 28 are serving or have served in the U.S. armed forces around the world in defense of freedom;
- 29 (d) POW/MIA Recognition Day, on the third Friday in September;
- 30 (e) Indigenous People Day, the Monday immediately preceding Thanksgiving; [~~and~~]
- 31 (f) Utah State Flag Day, on March 9[-]; and
- 32 (g) Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day, on March 29.

33 (2) The Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs shall coordinate activities, special  
34 programs, and promotional information to heighten public awareness and involvement relating  
35 to Subsections (1)(c) and (d).

36 (3) The month of October shall be commemorated yearly as Italian-American Heritage  
37 Month.

38 (4) The month of November shall be commemorated yearly as American Indian  
39 Heritage Month.

40 (5) The month of April shall be commemorated yearly as Clean Out the Medicine  
41 Cabinet Month to recognize the urgent need to make Utah homes and neighborhoods safe from  
42 prescription medication abuse and poisonings by the proper home storage and disposal of  
43 prescription and over-the-counter medications, and to educate citizens about the permanent  
44 medication disposal sites in Utah listed on useonlyasdirected.org that allow disposal throughout  
45 the year.

46 (6) The first full week of May shall be commemorated yearly as State Water Week to  
47 recognize the importance of water conservation, quality, and supply in the state.

48 (7) The second Friday and Saturday in August shall be commemorated yearly as Utah  
49 Fallen Heroes Days to:

50 (a) honor fallen heroes who, during service in the military or public safety, have  
51 sacrificed their lives to protect the country and the citizens of the state; and

52 (b) encourage political subdivisions to acknowledge and honor fallen heroes.

53 **Section 2. Effective date.**

54 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect  
55 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah  
56 Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,

57 the date of veto override.