

**UTAH FALLEN HEROES COMMEMORATION**

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Wayne L. Niederhauser**

House Sponsor: Derek E. Brown

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill establishes the Utah Fallen Heroes commemorative period.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ establishes a commemorative period on the second Friday and Saturday in August for Fallen Heroes; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**63G-1-401**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapters 87, 103, and 283

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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;



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 51 (a) honor fallen heroes who, during service in the military or public safety, have
- 52 sacrificed their lives to protect the country and the citizens of the state; and
- 53 (b) encourage political subdivisions to acknowledge and honor fallen heroes.