

JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Sandra Hollins

Senate Sponsor: Alvin B. Jackson

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions relating to commemorative periods.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► provides that Juneteenth Freedom Day shall be commemorated annually on the third Saturday in June.

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 2014, Chapters 80, 86, 92, and 123

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 annually:

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

(b) Constitution Day, on September 17;

(c) Yellow Ribbon Day, on the third Monday in May, in honor of men and women who are serving or have served in the United States Armed Forces around the world in defense of

30 freedom;

31 (d) POW/MIA Recognition Day, on the third Friday in September;

32 (e) Indigenous People Day, on the Monday immediately preceding Thanksgiving;

33 (f) Utah State Flag Day, on March 9;

34 (g) Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day, on March 29; ~~and~~

35 (h) Utah History Day at the Capitol, on the Friday immediately following the fourth

36 Monday in January, to encourage citizens of the state, including students, to participate in

37 activities that recognize Utah's history[-]; and

38 (i) Juneteenth Freedom Day, on the third Saturday in June, in honor of Union General

39 Gordon Granger proclaiming the freedom of all slaves on June 19, 1865, in Galveston, Texas.

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

43 (3) The month of October shall be commemorated annually as Italian-American
44 Heritage Month.

45 (4) The month of November shall be commemorated annually as American Indian
46 Heritage Month.

47 (5) The month of April shall be commemorated annually as Clean Out the Medicine
48 Cabinet Month to:

49 (a) recognize the urgent need to make Utah homes and neighborhoods safe from
50 prescription medication abuse and poisonings by the proper home storage and disposal of
51 prescription and over-the-counter medications; and

52 (b) educate citizens about the permanent medication disposal sites in Utah listed on
53 useonlyasdirected.org that allow disposal throughout the year.

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

56 (7) The second Friday and Saturday in August shall be commemorated annually as
57 Utah Fallen Heroes Days to:

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

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

61 (8) The third full week in August shall be commemorated annually as Drowsy Driving
62 Awareness Week to:

63 (a) educate the public about the relationship between fatigue and driving performance;
64 and

65 (b) encourage the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Transportation to
66 recognize and promote educational efforts on the dangers of drowsy driving.

67 (9) The third full week of June shall be commemorated annually as Workplace Safety
68 Week to heighten public awareness regarding the importance of safety in the workplace.