

**GANG PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK**

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Karen Mayne**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill designates Gang Prevention Awareness Week.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- designates Gang Prevention Awareness Week.

**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 2018, Chapter 39

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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 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 freedom;

- 30 (d) POW/MIA Recognition Day, on the third Friday in September;
- 31 (e) Indigenous People Day, on the Monday immediately preceding Thanksgiving;
- 32 (f) Utah State Flag Day, on March 9;
- 33 (g) Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day, on March 29;
- 34 (h) Utah History Day at the Capitol, on the Friday immediately following the fourth
- 35 Monday in January, to encourage citizens of the state, including students, to participate in
- 36 activities that recognize Utah's history; and
- 37 (i) Juneteenth Freedom Day, on the third Saturday in June, in honor of Union General
- 38 Gordon Granger proclaiming the freedom of all slaves on June 19, 1865, in Galveston, Texas;
- 39 (j) Arthrogyrosis Multiplex Congenita Awareness Day, on June 30; and
- 40 (k) Rachael Runyan/Missing and Exploited Children's Day, on August 26, the
- 41 anniversary of the day three-year-old Rachael Runyan was kidnaped from a playground in
- 42 Sunset, Utah, to:
- 43 (i) encourage individuals to make child safety a priority;
- 44 (ii) remember the importance of continued efforts to reunite missing children with their
- 45 families; and
- 46 (iii) honor Rachael Runyan and all Utah children who have been abducted or exploited.
- 47 (2) The Department of Veterans and Military Affairs shall coordinate activities, special
- 48 programs, and promotional information to heighten public awareness and involvement relating
- 49 to Subsections (1)(c) and (d).
- 50 (3) The month of October shall be commemorated annually as Italian-American
- 51 Heritage Month.
- 52 (4) The month of November shall be commemorated annually as American Indian
- 53 Heritage Month.
- 54 (5) The month of April shall be commemorated annually as Clean Out the Medicine
- 55 Cabinet Month to:
- 56 (a) recognize the urgent need to make Utah homes and neighborhoods safe from
- 57 prescription medication abuse and poisonings by the proper home storage and disposal of

58 prescription and over-the-counter medications; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

70 (a) educate the public about the relationship between fatigue and driving performance;  
71 and

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

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

76 (10) The second full week of April shall be commemorated annually as Animal Care  
77 and Control Appreciation Week to recognize and increase awareness within the community of  
78 the services that animal care and control professionals provide.

79 (11) The third full week of September shall be commemorated annually as Gang  
80 Prevention Awareness Week.