

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OBSERVING THE
INCARCERATION OF JAPANESE AMERICANS DURING
WORLD WAR II

2022 GENERAL SESSION

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill designates an annual day of remembrance observing the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ designates an annual day of remembrance observing the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

29 AMENDS:

30 **63G-1-401**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 93

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

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

34 **63G-1-401. Commemorative periods.**

35 (1) The following days shall be commemorated annually:

36 (a) Utah History Day at the Capitol, on the Friday immediately following the fourth
37 Monday in January, to encourage citizens of the state, including students, to participate in
38 activities that recognize Utah's history;

39 (b) Day of Remembrance for Incarceration of Japanese Americans, on February 19, in
40 remembrance of the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II;

41 [~~(b)~~] (c) Utah State Flag Day, on March 9;

42 [~~(c)~~] (d) Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day, on March 29;

43 [~~(d)~~] (e) Utah Railroad Workers Day, on May 10;

44 [~~(e)~~] (f) Dandy-Walker Syndrome Awareness Day, on May 11;

45 [~~(f)~~] (g) Armed Forces Day, on the third Saturday in May, in honor of men and women
46 who are serving or have served in the United States Armed Forces around the world in defense
47 of freedom;

48 [~~(g)~~] (h) Juneteenth Freedom Day, on the third Saturday in June, in honor of Union
49 General Gordon Granger proclaiming the freedom of all slaves on June 19, 1865, in Galveston,
50 Texas;

51 [~~(h)~~] (i) Arthrogyriposis Multiplex Congenita Awareness Day, on June 30;

52 [~~(i)~~] (j) Navajo Code Talker Day, on August 14;

53 [~~(j)~~] (k) Rachael Runyan/Missing and Exploited Children's Day, on August 26, the
54 anniversary of the day three-year-old Rachael Runyan was kidnaped from a playground in
55 Sunset, Utah, to:

56 (i) encourage individuals to make child safety a priority;

57 (ii) remember the importance of continued efforts to reunite missing children with their
58 families; and

59 (iii) honor Rachael Runyan and all Utah children who have been abducted or exploited;
60 [~~(k)~~] (l) Constitution Day, on September 17;

61 [~~(l)~~] (m) POW/MIA Recognition Day, on the third Friday in September;

62 [~~(m)~~] (n) Victims of Communism Memorial Day, on November 7;

63 [~~(n)~~] (o) Indigenous People Day, on the Monday immediately preceding Thanksgiving;

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65 [~~(o)~~] (p) Bill of Rights Day, on December 15.

66 (2) The Department of Veterans and Military Affairs shall coordinate activities, special
67 programs, and promotional information to heighten public awareness and involvement relating
68 to Subsections [~~(1)(f) and (1)(h)~~] (1)(g) and (m).

69 (3) The month of April shall be commemorated annually as Clean Out the Medicine
70 Cabinet Month to:

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

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

76 (4) 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 (5) The first full week of May shall be commemorated annually as State Water Week
80 to recognize the importance of water conservation, quality, and supply in the state.

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

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

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

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

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

90 (a) educate the public about the relationship between fatigue and driving performance;
91 and

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

94 (9) The third full week of September shall be commemorated annually as Gang
95 Prevention Awareness Week.

96 (10) The month of October shall be commemorated annually as Italian-American
97 Heritage Month.

98 (11) The month of November shall be commemorated annually as American Indian
99 Heritage Month.

100 (12) The first full week of December shall be commemorated annually as Avalanche
101 Awareness Week to:

102 (a) educate the public about avalanche awareness and safety;

103 (b) encourage collaborative efforts to decrease annual avalanche accidents and
104 fatalities; and

105 (c) honor Utah residents who have lost their lives in avalanches, including those who
106 lost their lives working to prevent avalanches.