

1                                   **DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OBSERVING THE**  
2                                   **INCARCERATION OF JAPANESE AMERICANS DURING**  
3                                   **WORLD WAR II**

4                                   2022 GENERAL SESSION

5                                   STATE OF UTAH

6                                   **Chief Sponsor: Jani Iwamoto**

7                                   House Sponsor: Karen Kwan

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9   **LONG TITLE**

10 **General Description:**

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

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14           This bill:

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

18 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

19           None

20 **Other Special Clauses:**

21           None

22 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

23 AMENDS:

24           **63G-1-401**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 93

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

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



28 **63G-1-401. Commemorative periods.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

53 (iii) honor Rachael Runyan and all Utah children who have been abducted or exploited;

54 [~~(k)~~] (l) Constitution Day, on September 17;

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

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

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

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59           ~~[(t)]~~ (p) Bill of Rights Day, on December 15.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

84           (a) educate the public about the relationship between fatigue and driving performance;  
85 and

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

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

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

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

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

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

97           (b) encourage collaborative efforts to decrease annual avalanche accidents and  
98 fatalities; and

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