

1 **STATE COMMEMORATIVE PERIOD AMENDMENTS**

2 2024 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay**

5 House Sponsor: Ryan D. Wilcox

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill amends provisions related to commemorative periods.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

12 ▶ modifies annual commemorations to include a day of remembrance for the **§→ first**

12a **responders and ←§** persons

13 killed and injured in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

14 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

15 None

16 **Other Special Clauses:**

17 None

18 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

19 AMENDS:

20 **63G-1-401**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 57, 351 and 472

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

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

24 **63G-1-401. Commemorative periods.**

25 (1) As used in this section, "commemorative period" means a special observance
26 declared by the governor that annually recognizes and honors a culturally or historically
27 significant day, week, month, or other time period in the state.



59 remembrance of the ~~§~~ → **first responders and** ← ~~§~~ persons killed and injured in the terrorist attacks
 59a on September 11, 2001;

60 [~~(k)~~] (l) Constitution Day, on September 17, to invite all Utah adults and Utah school
 61 children to read directly from the United States Constitution and other primary sources, and for
 62 students to be taught principles from the United States Constitution that include federalism,
 63 checks and balances, separation of powers, popular sovereignty, limited government, and the
 64 necessary and proper, commerce, and supremacy clauses;

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

66 [~~(m)~~] (n) Diwali, on the fifteenth day of the Hindu lunisolar month of Kartik, known as
 67 Lakshmi puja, or the Hindu festival of lights;

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

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

70 and

71 [~~(p)~~] (q) Bill of Rights Day, on December 15.

72 (5) The Department of Veterans and Military Affairs shall coordinate activities, special
 73 programs, and promotional information to heighten public awareness and involvement relating
 74 to Subsections (4)(g) and [~~(h)~~] (m).

75 (6) The month of April shall be commemorated annually as Clean Out the Medicine
 76 Cabinet Month to:

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

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

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

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

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

89 (10) The second Friday and Saturday in August shall be commemorated annually as