

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2627

AN ACT

To amend chapter 9, RSMo, by adding thereto four new sections relating to public holidays.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 9, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto four new sections, to be known as sections 9.170, 9.236, 9.353, and 9.356, to read as follows:

9.170. The third week of September shall be known as "Historically Black College and University Week" in Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to observe the week with appropriate events and activities recognizing the importance of historically black colleges and universities, especially Lincoln University and Harris-Stowe State University, the two historically black colleges and universities located in Missouri.

9.236. The third full week in September of each year shall be known and designated as "Sickle Cell Awareness Week". Sickle cell disease is a genetic disease in which a person's body produced abnormally shaped red blood cells that resemble a crescent and that do not last as long as normal round red blood cells, which leads to anemia. It is recommended to the people of the state that the week be appropriately observed through activities that will increase awareness of sickle cell disease and efforts to improve treatment options for patients.

9.353. The month of February is hereby designated as "Black History Month" in Missouri. The citizens of this

state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events and activities to honor the struggles and triumphs of black Americans throughout the history of the United States.

9.356. The month of November is hereby designated as "Native American Heritage Month" in Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events and activities to honor the struggles and triumphs of Native Americans throughout the history of the United States.