

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
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# HOUSE BILL NO. 2627

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

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## AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

9 awareness of sickle cell disease and efforts to improve  
10 treatment options for patients.

9.353. The month of February is hereby designated as  
2 "Black History Month" in Missouri. The citizens of this  
3 state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events  
4 and activities to honor the struggles and triumphs of black  
5 Americans throughout the history of the United States.

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

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