

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 348

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapters 9 and 227, RSMo, by adding thereto thirteen new sections relating to state designations.

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

Section A. Chapters 9 and 227, RSMo, are amended by adding
2 thereto thirteen new sections, to be known as sections 9.005,
3 9.171, 9.234, 9.292, 9.367, 9.385, 9.386, 9.388, 9.389, 9.402,
4 9.409, 9.416, and 227.840, to read as follows:

9.005. February twentieth of each year shall be known
2 and designated as "John Donaldson Day" in Missouri. The
3 citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in
4 appropriate activities and events to commemorate the life
5 and accomplishments of John Donaldson, one of the best
6 pitchers to play in the Negro Leagues and a member of the
7 inaugural Kansas City Monarchs team.

9.171. November ninth each year is hereby designated
2 as "Links, Incorporated Day" in Missouri. The citizens of
3 this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate
4 events and activities to recognize this international, not-
5 for-profit corporation for its service work and
6 contributions to communities across this state.

9.234. The month of September every year shall be
2 designated as "Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month" in Missouri.
3 Citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in

4 appropriate activities and events to increase awareness of
5 ovarian cancer and the importance of early detection and
6 treatment in saving lives.

9.292. August nineteenth of each year shall be known
2 and designated as "Eddie Gaedel Day" in Missouri in honor of
3 Eddie Gaedel, who as a member of the St. Louis Browns on
4 August 19, 1951, became the shortest player to ever play
5 Major League Baseball. Eddie Gaedel is an important part of
6 baseball history and Missouri sports history. The citizens
7 of this state are encouraged to participate in events and
8 activities to celebrate Eddie Gaedel's contributions to
9 baseball history.

9.367. August sixth each year is hereby designated as
2 "Chris Sifford Day" in Missouri. In the year 2000, an
3 airplane carrying Chris Sifford, along with Governor Mel
4 Carnahan and Roger "Randy" Carnahan, tragically went down
5 and took with it the lives of three great Missourians.
6 Chris is remembered as a loving and devoted public servant
7 who was a friend to all. Missourians are encouraged to
8 reflect on the lives and legacies of these three men and to
9 recognize and appreciate the hardworking public servants of
10 this state.

9.385. October sixteenth of each year shall be known
2 and designated as "Michael Collins Day" in Missouri in honor
3 of Michael Collins, an Irish revolutionary, soldier, and
4 politician who was a leading figure in the struggle for
5 Irish independence.

9.386. The last Saturday in April of each year is
2 hereby designated as "Emmett Kelly Day" in Missouri. The
3 citizens of this state are encouraged to honor the life of
4 Emmett Kelly, who was a famous circus performer, also known
5 as Weary Willie, from Houston, Missouri.

9.388. The second Tuesday of April of each year is hereby designated as "Celia Day" in Missouri in honor of Celia, an enslaved woman who lived in Callaway County. The teachers and students of the schools of this state are encouraged to observe the day with age-appropriate instruction regarding Celia and her story.

9.389. The week in which the second Tuesday of April falls each year is hereby designated as "Human Trafficking Awareness Week". The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events and activities to promote awareness of human trafficking, victim remedies and services, trafficking prevention, and the history of slavery in our state.

9.402. May eighth each year is hereby designated as "Amyloidosis Awareness Day" in Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events and activities to raise awareness of this rare and life-threatening disease.

9.409. 1. January fifth of each year shall be known and designated as "Kappa Alpha Psi Day" in Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to observe the day with appropriate activities and events to commemorate the founding of the fraternity.

2. Kappa Alpha Psi was founded on January 5, 1911, at Indiana University, in Bloomington, Indiana by Elder Watson Diggs, Byron Kenneth Armstrong, Guy Levis Grant, Marcus Peter Blakemore, Ezra Dee Alexander, John Milton Lee, Henry Tourner Asher, Edward Giles Irvin, George Wesley Edmonds, and Paul Waymond Caine.

3. Founding member Henry Tourner Asher was an educator and instructor at Lincoln Institute, now known as Lincoln University of Missouri, in Jefferson City.

15 4. Kappa Alpha Psi is the second oldest existing
16 collegiate historically Black Greek-letter fraternity and
17 the first intercollegiate fraternity incorporated as a
18 national body. The fraternity has over two hundred fifty
19 thousand members with seven hundred undergraduate and alumni
20 chapters in nearly every state of the United States, and
21 thirteen international chapters in Nigeria, South Africa,
22 Bermuda, Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Panama, United
23 Kingdom, Germany, South Korea, Dominican Republic, Abu
24 Dhabi, Canada, and Japan.

25 5. Through its worldwide prominence, Kappa Alpha Psi
26 has had a global impact on events that affect our local
27 communities and places around the globe. Local chapters of
28 Kappa Alpha Psi participate in community outreach activities
29 to feed the homeless, provide scholarships to young people
30 matriculating to college, serve as mentors to young men,
31 participate in blood drives, and serve as hosts of seminars
32 for public health awareness, to name a few. Nationally,
33 Kappa Alpha Psi has provided summer enrichment camps and
34 funds for St. Jude Medical Research Center to assist in the
35 fight against childhood catastrophic diseases by raising
36 more than one million dollars. Internationally, Kappa Alpha
37 Psi members have answered the call to service by proudly
38 serving our military in wars since WWI and raising funds to
39 assist those in need following natural disasters worldwide,
40 including hurricanes, tornadoes, typhoons, and earthquakes.

41 6. Kappa Alpha Psi proudly boasts members who
42 epitomize the essence of "Achievement in Every Field of
43 Human Endeavor". Some of these members include Ralph
44 Abernathy, Wilt Chamberlain, Montell Jordan, Benjamin
45 Jealous, Oscar Robertson, Cedric the Entertainer, Arthur
46 Ashe, Mike Tomlin, Gayle Sayers, Adrian Fenty, Robert S.

47 Abbott, Bennie Thompson, Donald Byrd, Johnnie Cochran, Ed
48 Gardner, Smokie Norful, John Singleton, Tom Bradley, Bob
49 Johnson, John Conyers, Alcee Hastings, Lerone Bennett, Jr.,
50 Kwame Jackson, Bill Russell, Tavis Smiley, and Marvin Sapp.

9.416. June seventeenth each year is hereby designated
2 as "End Neighborhood Gun Violence Day" in Missouri, in honor
3 of Preston Ja'mon "Tink" Jones, Sr. Citizens of this state
4 are encouraged to participate in appropriate events and
5 activities to bring an end to gun violence in our
6 communities.

227.840. The portion of U.S. Highway 54 from one mile
2 east of the bridge over the Middle River to one mile west of
3 the bridge over the Middle River in Callaway County shall be
4 designated as "Celia Memorial Highway". The department of
5 transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs
6 designating such highway, with the costs to be paid by
7 private donations.

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