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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. WEIK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to designating March twenty-first as "Down Syndrome Awareness Day"

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 168-a of the executive law, as
2 amended by chapter 542 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 3. The following days shall be days of commemoration in each year:
5 January sixth, to be known as "Haym Salomon Day", January twenty-sev-
6 enth, to be known as "Holocaust Remembrance Day", February fourth, to be
7 known as "Rosa Parks Day", February fifteenth, to be known as "Susan B.
8 Anthony Day", February sixteenth, to be known as "Lithuanian Independ-
9 ence Day", February twenty-eighth, to be known as "Gulf War Veterans'
10 Day", March fourth, to be known as "Pulaski Day", March eighth, to be
11 known as "International Women's Day", March tenth, to be known as
12 "Harriet Tubman Day", March twenty-first, to be known as "Down Syndrome
13 Awareness Day", March twenty-ninth, to be known as "Vietnam Veterans'
14 Day", April ninth, to be known as "POW Recognition Day", April twenty-
15 seventh, to be known as "Coretta Scott King Day", April twenty-eighth,
16 to be known as "Workers' Memorial Day", the first Tuesday in May to be
17 known as "New York State Teacher Day", May seventeenth, to be known as
18 "Thurgood Marshall Day", the first Sunday in June, to be known as "Chil-
19 dren's Day", June second, to be known as "Italian Independence Day",
20 June twelfth, to be known as "Women Veterans Recognition Day", June
21 nineteenth, to be known as "Juneteenth Freedom Day", June twenty-fifth,
22 to be known as "Korean War Veterans' Day", the second Monday in July, to
23 be known as "Abolition Commemoration Day", August twenty-fourth, to be
24 known as "Ukrainian Independence Day", August twenty-sixth, to be known
25 as "Women's Equality Day", September eleventh, to be known as "Battle of

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 Plattsburgh Day" and also to be known as "September 11th Remembrance
2 Day", September thirteenth, to be known as "John Barry Day" and also to
3 be known as "Uncle Sam Day in the State of New York", September seven-
4 teenth, to be known as "Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben Memorial Day", the
5 third Friday in September to be known as "New York State POW/MIA Recog-
6 nition Day" except if such date of commemoration cannot be observed due
7 to a religious holiday, such observances shall then be conducted on the
8 second Friday of September, the last Saturday in September, to be known
9 as "War of 1812 Day", the fourth Saturday of September, known as
10 "Native-American Day", the last Sunday in September, to be known as
11 "Gold Star Mothers' Day", October fifth, to be known as "Raoul Wallen-
12 berg Day", October eleventh, to be known as "New Netherland Day in the
13 State of New York", October eighteenth, to be known as "Disabilities
14 History Day", October twenty-seventh, to be known as "Theodore Roosevelt
15 Day", November ninth, to be known as "Witness for Tolerance Day", Novem-
16 ber twelfth, to be known as "Elizabeth Cady Stanton Day", the third
17 Tuesday in November to be known as "New York State School-Related
18 Professionals Recognition Day", November twenty-sixth, to be known as
19 "Sojourner Truth Day", November thirtieth, to be known as "Shirley
20 Chisholm Day", December third, to be known as "International Day of
21 Persons with Disabilities", December seventh, to be known as "Pearl
22 Harbor Day", December sixteenth, to be known as "Bastogne Day" and that
23 day of the Asian lunar calendar designated as new year to be known as
24 "Asian New Year".

25 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.