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Introduced by Sens. SERINO, AKSHAR, BORRELLO, BOYLE, GALLIVAN, GRIFFO, HELMING, JORDAN, LANZA, O'MARA, ORTT, RITCHIE, TEDISCO -- 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 making May 15th Police Memorial Day, a state holiday, and requiring the state division of criminal justice services to annually organize a fitting ceremony at the Police Memorial Wall and requiring the governor to appear in person at such ceremony

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 237 of the laws of 2020, 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 tenth, to be  
11 known as "Harriet Tubman Day", March twenty-ninth, to be known as "Viet-  
12 nam Veterans' Day", April ninth, to be known as "POW Recognition Day",  
13 April twenty-seventh, to be known as "Coretta Scott King Day", April  
14 twenty-eighth, to be known as "Workers' Memorial Day", the first Tuesday  
15 in May to be known as "New York State Teacher Day", May fifteenth, to be  
16 known as "Police Memorial Day," May seventeenth, to be known as "Thur-  
17 good Marshall Day", the first Sunday in June, to be known as "Children's  
18 Day", June second, to be known as "Italian Independence Day", June  
19 twelfth, to be known as "Women Veterans Recognition Day", June nine-  
20 teenth, to be known as "Juneteenth Freedom Day", June twenty-fifth, to

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

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

28 § 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, the division of  
29 criminal justice services shall organize an annual fitting ceremony at  
30 the Police Memorial Wall at the Empire State Plaza in Albany on the  
31 Monday falling closest to May 1st. The governor shall attend the ceremo-  
32 ny in person and shall read aloud the names of the police officers who  
33 have died during the previous year from injuries incurred in the line of  
34 duty.

35 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.