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Introduced by Sens. MURRAY, PALUMBO -- read twice and ordered printed,
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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing August
thirty-first of each year as a day of commemoration known as "Overdose
Awareness Day"

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, 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 seventeenth, to
16 be known as "Thurgood Marshall Day", the first Sunday in June, to be
17 known as "Children's Day", June second, to be known as "Italian Inde-
18 pendence Day", June twelfth, to be known as "Women Veterans Recognition
19 Day", June nineteenth, to be known as "Juneteenth Freedom Day", June
20 twenty-fifth, to be known as "Korean War Veterans' Day", the second
21 Monday in July, to be known as "Abolition Commemoration Day", August
22 twenty-fourth, to be known as "Ukrainian Independence Day", August twen-
23 ty-sixth, to be known as "Women's Equality Day", August thirty-first, to
24 be known as "Overdose Awareness Day", September eleventh, to be known as

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

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

24 § 2. Subdivision 21 of section 403 of the executive law, as amended by
25 chapter 666 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

26 21. The flag shall be flown at full staff at all times except it shall
27 be flown at half-staff on the thirty-first day of August, known as Over-
28 dose Awareness Day, the eleventh of September, known as September 11th
29 Remembrance Day, the seventh day of December, known as Pearl Harbor Day,
30 and to commemorate the death of a personage of national or state stand-
31 ing or of a local serviceman, official or public servant who, in the
32 opinion of the local agency concerned, contributed to the community. It
33 may also be flown at half-staff during special periods of mourning
34 designated by the President of the United States or the Governor of this
35 state.

36 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.