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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. FERNANDEZ, MURRAY, ADDABBO, ASHBY, BORRELLO, CANZON-  
ERI-FITZPATRICK, GALLIVAN, GOUNARDES, GRIFFO, HARCKHAM, HOYLMAN-SIGAL,  
JACKSON, MARTINEZ, MAYER, OBERACKER, RIVERA, WEBB, WEBER, 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 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 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-ninth, to be known as "Vietnam Veter-  
13 ans' Day", April ninth, to be known as "POW Recognition Day", April  
14 twenty-seventh, to be known as "Coretta Scott King Day", April twenty-  
15 eighth, to be known as "Workers' Memorial Day", the first Tuesday in May  
16 to be known as "New York State Teacher Day", May seventeenth, to be  
17 known as "Thurgood Marshall Day", the first Sunday in June, to be known  
18 as "Children's Day", June second, to be known as "Italian Independence  
19 Day", June twelfth, to be known as "Women Veterans Recognition Day",  
20 June nineteenth, to be known as "Juneteenth Freedom Day", June twenty-

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

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