

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. DURSO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

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 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-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-
21 fifth, to be known as "Korean War Veterans' Day", the second Monday in
22 July, to be known as "Abolition Commemoration Day", August twenty-
23 fourth, to be known as "Ukrainian Independence Day", August twenty-
24 sixth, to be known as "Women's Equality Day", August thirty-first, to be

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

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

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

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

38 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.