

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 348

AN ACT

To amend chapters 9 and 227, RSMo, by adding thereto thirteen new sections relating to state designations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapters 9 and 227, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto thirteen new sections, to be known as sections 9.005, 9.171, 9.234, 9.292, 9.367, 9.385, 9.386, 9.388, 9.389, 9.402, 9.409, 9.416, and 227.840, to read as follows:

9.005. February twentieth of each year shall be known and designated as "John Donaldson Day" in Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate activities and events to commemorate the life and accomplishments of John Donaldson, one of the best pitchers to play in the Negro Leagues and a member of the inaugural Kansas City Monarchs team.

9.171. November ninth each year is hereby designated as "Links, Incorporated Day" in Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events and activities to recognize this international, not-for-profit corporation for its service work and contributions to communities across this state.

9.234. The month of September every year shall be designated as "Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month" in Missouri. Citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate activities and events to increase awareness of ovarian cancer and the importance of early detection and treatment in saving lives.

9.292. August nineteenth of each year shall be known and designated as "Eddie Gaedel Day" in Missouri in honor of

Eddie Gaedel, who as a member of the St. Louis Browns on August 19, 1951, became the shortest player to ever play Major League Baseball. Eddie Gaedel is an important part of baseball history and Missouri sports history. The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in events and activities to celebrate Eddie Gaedel's contributions to baseball history.

9.367. August sixth each year is hereby designated as "Chris Sifford Day" in Missouri. In the year 2000, an airplane carrying Chris Sifford, along with Governor Mel Carnahan and Roger "Randy" Carnahan, tragically went down and took with it the lives of three great Missourians. Chris is remembered as a loving and devoted public servant who was a friend to all. Missourians are encouraged to reflect on the lives and legacies of these three men and to recognize and appreciate the hardworking public servants of this state.

9.385. October sixteenth of each year shall be known and designated as "Michael Collins Day" in Missouri in honor of Michael Collins, an Irish revolutionary, soldier, and politician who was a leading figure in the struggle for Irish independence.

9.386. The last Saturday in April of each year is hereby designated as "Emmett Kelly Day" in Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to honor the life of Emmett Kelly, who was a famous circus performer, also known as Weary Willie, from Houston, Missouri.

9.388. The second Tuesday of April of each year is hereby designated as "Celia Day" in Missouri in honor of Celia, an enslaved woman who lived in Callaway County. The teachers and students of the schools of this state are encouraged to observe the day with age-appropriate instruction regarding Celia and her story.

9.389. The week in which the second Tuesday of April falls each year is hereby designated as "Human Trafficking Awareness Week". The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events and activities to promote awareness of human trafficking, victim remedies and services, trafficking prevention, and the history of slavery in our state.

9.402. May eighth each year is hereby designated as "Amyloidosis Awareness Day" in Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events and activities to raise awareness of this rare and life-threatening disease.

9.409. 1. January fifth of each year shall be known and designated as "Kappa Alpha Psi Day" in Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to observe the day with appropriate activities and events to commemorate the founding of the fraternity.

2. Kappa Alpha Psi was founded on January 5, 1911, at Indiana University, in Bloomington, Indiana by Elder Watson Diggs, Byron Kenneth Armstrong, Guy Levis Grant, Marcus Peter Blakemore, Ezra Dee Alexander, John Milton Lee, Henry Tourner Asher, Edward Giles Irvin, George Wesley Edmonds, and Paul Waymond Caine.

3. Founding member Henry Tourner Asher was an educator and instructor at Lincoln Institute, now known as Lincoln University of Missouri, in Jefferson City.

4. Kappa Alpha Psi is the second oldest existing collegiate historically Black Greek-letter fraternity and the first intercollegiate fraternity incorporated as a national body. The fraternity has over two hundred fifty thousand members with seven hundred undergraduate and alumni chapters in nearly every state of the United States, and thirteen international chapters in Nigeria, South Africa,

Bermuda, Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Panama, United Kingdom, Germany, South Korea, Dominican Republic, Abu Dhabi, Canada, and Japan.

5. Through its worldwide prominence, Kappa Alpha Psi has had a global impact on events that affect our local communities and places around the globe. Local chapters of Kappa Alpha Psi participate in community outreach activities to feed the homeless, provide scholarships to young people matriculating to college, serve as mentors to young men, participate in blood drives, and serve as hosts of seminars for public health awareness, to name a few. Nationally, Kappa Alpha Psi has provided summer enrichment camps and funds for St. Jude Medical Research Center to assist in the fight against childhood catastrophic diseases by raising more than one million dollars. Internationally, Kappa Alpha Psi members have answered the call to service by proudly serving our military in wars since WWI and raising funds to assist those in need following natural disasters worldwide, including hurricanes, tornadoes, typhoons, and earthquakes.

6. Kappa Alpha Psi proudly boasts members who epitomize the essence of "Achievement in Every Field of Human Endeavor". Some of these members include Ralph Abernathy, Wilt Chamberlain, Montell Jordan, Benjamin Jealous, Oscar Robertson, Cedric the Entertainer, Arthur Ashe, Mike Tomlin, Gayle Sayers, Adrian Fenty, Robert S. Abbott, Bennie Thompson, Donald Byrd, Johnnie Cochran, Ed Gardner, Smokie Norful, John Singleton, Tom Bradley, Bob Johnson, John Conyers, Alcee Hastings, Lerone Bennett, Jr., Kwame Jackson, Bill Russell, Tavis Smiley, and Marvin Sapp.

9.416. June seventeenth each year is hereby designated as "End Neighborhood Gun Violence Day" in Missouri, in honor of Preston Ja'mon "Tink" Jones, Sr. Citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in appropriate events and

activities to bring an end to gun violence in our communities.

227.840. The portion of U.S. Highway 54 from one mile east of the bridge over the Middle River to one mile west of the bridge over the Middle River in Callaway County shall be designated as "Celia Memorial Highway". The department of transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs designating such highway, with the costs to be paid by private donations.