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| 3 4 5 | (By Delegates P. Smith, Boggs, Miley, Skaff, Moore, Poore and L. Phillips) |
| 6 | [Introduced February 13, 2013; referred to the |
| 7 | Committee on Government Organization.] |
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| 10 | A BILL to amend and reenact $\$2-2-1a$ of the Code of West Virginia, |
| 11 | 1931, as amended, relating to designating the first Thursday |
| 12 | in May the West Virginia Day of Prayer. |
| 13 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia: |
| 14 | That §2-2-1a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, |
| 15 | be amended and reenacted to read as follows: |
| 16 | ARTICLE 2. LEGAL HOLIDAYS; SPECIAL MEMORIAL DAYS; CONSTRUCTION OF |
| 17 | STATUTES; DEFINITIONS. |
| 18 | §2-2-1a. Special memorial days. |
| 19 | (a) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare the week |
| 20 | beginning with the Sunday before Thanksgiving as a special memorial |
| 21 | week to be known as Native American Indian Heritage Week. |
| 22 | (b) The first Tuesday after the first Monday of November is |
| 23 | designated Susan B. Anthony Day and shall only be a legal holiday |
| 24 | in all years ending in an even number. The Governor shall annually |
| 25 | issue a proclamation calling on all schools, civic organizations, |
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- 1 government departments and citizens to undertake activities on the
- 2 designated day and surrounding days to pay tribute to the
- 3 accomplishments of Susan B. Anthony in securing the civil and
- 4 political rights of all Americans, including securing equal voting
- 5 rights for women.
- 6 (c) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare the week
- 7 during which December 7 falls to be a special memorial week, to be
- 8 known as Pearl Harbor and Military Appreciation week, honoring all
- 9 West Virginians who fought in World War II and all other military
- 10 conflicts and shall encourage all municipalities in the state to do
- 11 the same. The State Department of Education is directed to
- 12 implement a program involving activities in which students shall
- 13 participate which shall recognize the contributions West Virginians
- 14 have made to their country through service in the United States
- 15 Military.
- 16 (d) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare March 30 as
- 17 a special memorial day to be known as Vietnam Veteran Recognition
- 18 Day honoring all West Virginians who served in the United States
- 19 Armed Forces in the Republic of Vietnam during the period beginning
- 20 February 28, 1961 and ending May 7, 1975, and shall encourage all
- 21 counties and municipalities in the state to do the same.
- 22 (e) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare August 7 as
- 23 a special memorial day, to be known as Purple Heart Recognition
- 24 Day, honoring all West Virginians who, while serving in the United

- 1 States Armed Forces, have been wounded or killed in action and
- 2 shall encourage all municipalities and counties in the state to do
- 3 the same.
- 4 (f) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare July 27 as a
- 5 special memorial day to be known as Korean War Veteran Recognition
- 6 Day honoring all West Virginians who served in the United States
- 7 Armed Forces in the Korean War, and shall encourage all counties
- 8 and municipalities in the state to do the same.
- 9 (g) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare the first
- 10 Thursday in May as the West Virginia Day of Prayer. This date
- 11 corresponds with the National Day of Prayer, 36 U.S.C. §119, on
- 12 which the people of West Virginia may turn to God in prayer and
- 13 meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to make the first Thursday of May the West Virginia Day of Prayer.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.