Members Brief

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List of Statutory Holidays and Observances

The most common way the General Assembly permanently designates special years, months, weeks, and days is through legislation. The majority of special designations in Revised Code Chapter 5 are observed statewide, and seven are to be commemorated or are encouraged to be observed by schools.

In Revised Code 1.14, the General Assembly designates 11 "legal holidays." The state observes these 11 holidays by closing its operations.[1]

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- Table 1 lists holidays and observances in the order of observance date.
  - The first column lists the day, week, or month of the observance.
  - The second column contains the name of the observance as it appears in law, along with its Revised Code section number.
- Table 2 lists holidays and observances by effective date, to show when they were enacted.
  - The first column lists the act's number and primary sponsors.
  - The second column lists the observance's name.
  - The third column lists the act's effective date.

[1] For a discussion of the 11 legal holidays and their effects on government, schools, and business, see LSC's State Holidays (PDF) *Members Brief*.

Table 1. Holidays and Observances – In Order of Observance Date

Observance Date(s)	Observance Name
Saturday afternoon	Legal holiday (R.C. 5.30)[2]
January	Blood Donor Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2519) Fibromyalgia Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2241) Radon Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2317) Thyroid Health Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2515)
January 1	New Year's Day – Legal holiday (R.C. 1.14)
January – 1st week	Ohio Braille Literacy Week (R.C. 5.226)
January 11	Human Trafficking Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2319)
January – 3rd Monday	Martin Luther King Day – Legal holiday (R.C. 1.14)
January 30	Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2512)
January 31	Omphalocele Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2510)
February	Black History Month (R.C. 5.2244) Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2516)
February – first full week	Ohio Burn Awareness Week (R.C. 5.2533)
February 1	Ohio Township Day (R.C. 5.2214)
February 3	Charles Follis Day (R.C. 5.265)
February 6	Ronald Reagan Day (R.C. 5.2242)
February – week including the 8th	Ohio Boy Scout Week (R.C. 5.2243)
February 7 through 14	Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week (R.C. 5.2530)
February 12	Cholangiocarcinoma Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2529) Lincoln's Birthday school commemoration (R.C. 5.23)
February 13	Aortic Aneurysm Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2521)

[2] The Revised Code designates every Saturday afternoon as a legal holiday, beginning at 12:00 noon and ending at 12:00 midnight. However, per R.C. 5.30, no section of the Revised Code and no court decision may affect the validity of any transaction during that time. This law predates the Revised Code's enactment in 1953.

Observance Date(s)	Observance Name
February 14	Cardiovascular Health Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2540)
February 17	Annie Glenn Communication Disorders Awareness Day (R.C. 5.289)
February 18	Toni Morrison Day (R.C. 5.293)
February – 3rd Monday	Washington-Lincoln Day – Legal holiday (R.C. 1.14)
February 20	John Glenn Friendship 7 Day (R.C. 5.2270)
February 21	Rascal Flatts Day (R.C. 5.26)
February 22	Washington's Birthday school commemoration (R.C. 5.23)
February – 4th Wednesday	Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2535)
February – the week beginning on the Saturday before the last Saturday	FFA Week (R.C. 5.2411)
February – last day	Rare Disease Day (R.C. 5.254)
March	Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2536) Cardiac Amyloidosis Recognition Month (R.C. 5.2524) Career-Technical Education and Skilled Workforce Development Month (R.C. 5.2295) Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2219) Endometriosis Awareness Month (R.C. 5.256) Eye Donor Month in Ohio (R.C. 5.2223) Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2232) Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2268) Macular Degeneration Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2276) Ohio Maple Syrup Month (R.C. 5.2288) Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2535)
March 1	Ohio Statehood Day (R.C. 5.224)
March 9	Meningitis Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2292) 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day (R.C. 5.212)
March – 2nd week	Ohio Agriculture Week (R.C. 5.2266)
March – 3rd Friday	School Energy Conservation Day in Ohio (R.C. 5.2212)
March – week including the 16th	Ohio Black Media Week (R.C. 5.54)

Observance Date(s)	Observance Name
March 20	Ameloblastoma Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2540)
March 21	Agriculture Day (R.C.5.2414)
March – the week ending with the second Saturday	4-H Week (R.C. 5.2413)
March 29	Ohio Tuskegee Airmen Day (R.C. 5.246)
March 30	Vietnam Veterans' Day (R.C. 5.2278)
March 13 through April 15	Ohio Deaf History Month (R.C. 5.2281)
April	Eastern European Month (R.C. 5.2298) Genocide Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2513) Month of the Military Child (R.C. 5.55) Ohio Child Abuse Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2222) Ohio Native Plant Month (R.C. 5.2514) Ohio Work Zone Safety Awareness Month (R.C. 5.249) Osteopathic Medicine Recognition Month (R.C. 5.2511) Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month (R.C. 5.27) Powerboat Safety Month (R.C. 5.2321) Sarcoidosis Awareness Month (R.C. 5.264) Sexual Assault Prevention Awareness Month (R.C. 5.248)
April 6	Tartan Day (R.C. 5.2221) World War I Day (R.C. 5.221)
April – 2nd Tuesday	Ohio Internship and Co-op Appreciation Day (R.C. 5.255)
April 18	Exemplary Adult Care Provider Day (R.C. 5.2218)
April – week including the 19th	Child Care Worker Appreciation Week in Ohio (R.C. 5.2211)
April 26	Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA) Day (R.C. 5.2525)
April 27	Emma "Grandma" Gatewood Day (R.C. 5.2284) Ulysses S. Grant Day (R.C. 5.2532)
April 28	Workers Memorial Day (R.C. 5.225)
April 29	Heritage and Freedom Flag of the Former Republic of Vietnam Day (R.C. 5.2238)

Observance Date(s)	Observance Name
April – last Friday	Arbor Day (R.C. 5.22)
May	ALS Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2267) Asthma Awareness Month (R.C. 5.258) Better Hearing and Speech Month (R.C. 5.2281) Brain Cancer Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2313) Drive Ohio Byways Month (R.C. 5.292) Fibromuscular Dysplasia Awareness Month (R.C. 5.232) Food Allergy Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2539) Lupus Awareness Month (R.C. 5.56) Maternal Mortality Awareness Month (R.C. 5.247) Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month (R.C. 5.2246 and 5.2283) Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month (R.C. 5.259) Nurses Month (R.C. 5.2245) Nutrition and Physical Fitness Month (R.C. 5.2235) Ohio Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2228) Ohio Lyme Disease Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2237) Older Ohioans Month (R.C. 5.2410) Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2275) Substance Abuse Awareness and Education Month (R.C. 5.2269)
May 1	Fanconi Anemia Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2310)
May – 1st week of May	Stroke Awareness Week (R.C. 5.2540)
May – 1st Monday	School Bus Drivers Appreciation Day (R.C. 5.2224)
May – 1st full week beginning on 1st Monday	In-Demand Jobs Week (R.C. 5.281)
May – 1st Tuesday of 1st full week	Teacher Appreciation Day (R.C. 5.2225)
May – 1st Friday	Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness and Education Day (R.C. 5.2269)
May 5	Childhood Asthma Awareness Day (R.C. 5.258)
May 14	Childhood Apraxia of Speech Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2281)
May 15	All for the Kids Awareness Day (R.C. 5.238)

Observance Date(s)	Observance Name
May 17	Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day (R.C. 5.291)
May – 2nd Saturday of May through 3rd Saturday	Ohio Warrior Awareness Week (R.C. 5.211)
May 23	Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2240)
May 24	First Responders' Appreciation Day (R.C. 5.261)
May 25	Ohio National Missing Children's Day (R.C. 5.50)
May 30	Bartter Syndrome Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2517) Memorial Day school commemoration (R.C. 5.23)
May – last Monday	Memorial Day – Legal holiday (R.C. 1.14)
May – last week	Ohio Turfgrass Week (R.C. 5.2239)
June	Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month (R.C. 5.244) Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2518) Ohio Community Theater Month (R.C. 5.253) Ohio Goes Boating Month (R.C. 5.47) Ohio Wines Month (R.C. 5.2282) Prostate Cancer Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2217) Responsible Fatherhood Month (R.C. 5.62) Scleroderma Awareness Month (R.C. 5.237)
June 1	Hypoparathyroidism Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2312)
June 7	Dean Martin Day (R.C. 5.2220)
June 12	Superman Day (R.C. 5.49) Women Veterans Day (R.C. 5.52)
June 15	Elder Abuse Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2273)
June 19	Juneteenth Day – Legal holiday (R.C. 1.14) Juneteenth National Freedom Day (R.C. 5.2247)
June – 3rd Saturday	Destroyer Escort Day in Ohio (R.C. 5.227)
June – 4th week	Postpartum Cardiomyopathy Awareness Week (R.C. 5.2527)
June – last full week	Pollinator Week (R.C. 5.2537)

Observance Date(s)	Observance Name
July	Sarcoma Awareness Month (R.C. 5.271)
July – 1st week	Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Awareness Week (R.C. 5.25)
July 4	Independence Day – Legal holiday (R.C. 1.14)
July 8	Harrison Dillard Day (R.C. 5.236)
July 9	Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2277)
July – week including 17th	Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Week (R.C. 5.2280)
July – week including 20th	One Small Step Week (R.C. 5.51)
July 16	National Atomic Veterans Day (R.C. 5.243)
July – 3rd week	Ohio Aggregates and Industrial Minerals Awareness Week (R.C. 5.2274)
July 25	Ohio National Guard Day (R.C. 5.2216)
July 27	Korean War Veterans' Day (R.C. 5.228)
July 28	Buffalo Soldiers Day (R.C. 5.53)
July – 4th Sunday	Blue Star Mothers and Families Day (R.C. 5.235)
July – last week	Service Dog Awareness Week (R.C. 5.241)
August	Ohio Military Family Month (R.C. 5.2265)
August – the first full week	National Farmers Market Week (R.C. 5.2415)
August 7	Ohio Purple Heart Day (R.C. 5.46)
August – 3rd Saturday	Brothers and Sisters' Day (R.C. 5.2248)
August 17	Eugene 'Gene' F. Kranz Day (R.C. 5.294)
August 24	Ukraine Independence Day (R.C. 5.61)
August 26	Abbey Gate Remembrance Day (R.C. 5.63)
August 31	Ohio Overdose Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2269)

Observance Date(s)	Observance Name
September	Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2252) Childhood Cancer Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2254) Craniofacial Acceptance Month (R.C. 5.2287) Hirschsprung's Disease Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2526) International Underground Railroad Month (R.C. 5.2531) Leukemia, Lymphoma, and Myeloma Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2230) Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2250) Ohio Preparedness Month (R.C. 5.2253) Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2255) Pain Awareness Month (R.C. 5.29) Safe Driving Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2297) School Bullying Prevention Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2296) Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2226) We Card Month (R.C. 5.263)
September – 1st Monday	Labor Day – Legal holiday (R.C. 1.14 and 5.21)
September – week including Labor Day	Ohio Coal Miners Week (R.C. 5.2272)
September – 1st Saturday following the 1st Monday	Lithopolis Honeyfest Day (R.C. 5.2249)
September – 2nd week	Krabbe Disease Awareness Week (R.C. 5.231)
September 10	Ohio Suicide Prevention Day (R.C. 5.2286)
September 11	Ohio Public Safety Employee Day (R.C. 5.2233)
September 12	Jesse Owens Day (R.C. 5.262)
September 19	Ohio Stillbirth Prevention Day (R.C. 5.2471)
September 22	Emancipation Day (R.C. 5.2234) Veterans Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day (R.C. 5.481)
September 25	International Ataxia Awareness Day (R.C. 5.257)
September 28	Speaker Jo Ann Davidson Day (R.C. 5.57)
September – 4th Saturday	Native American Indian Day (R.C. 5.223)
September – 4th Sunday	Internet Safety Day (R.C. 5.2251)

Observance Date(s)	Observance Name
September – 4th week	Parent's Week (R.C. 5.2229)
September – last Saturday	Ohio Public Lands Day (R.C. 5.2534)
September – last Sunday	Gold Star Mothers Day (R.C. 5.229)
October	Crime Prevention Month (R.C. 5.2257) Disability Employment Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2258) Disability History and Awareness Month (R.C. 5.234) Dyslexia Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2294) German Heritage Month (R.C. 5.2236) Hindu Heritage Month (R.C. 5.60) Manufacturing Month (R.C. 5.2293) Ohio Breast Cancer Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2213) Ohio Chiropractic Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2518) Ohio Hepatitis C Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2215) Ohio Principals Month (R.C. 5.2315) Ohio School Safety Month (R.C. 5.2318) Rett Syndrome Awareness Month (R.C. 5.233) Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2290)
October – 1st full week	Nonviolence Week (R.C. 5.2289)
October – 1st week	Ohio Forest Products Awareness Week (R.C. 5.2285) Ohio Stormwater Awareness Week (R.C. 5.2322)
October 4	Rutherford B. Hayes Day (R.C. 5.2322)
October 6	S.M.A.R.T. Parent Day (R.C. 5.2523)
October 7	Moses Fleetwood Walker Day (R.C. 5.242)
October 11	General Pulaski Memorial Day (R.C. 5.222)
October – 2nd Monday	Columbus Day – Legal holiday (R.C. 1.14 and 5.21)
October – 2nd week	Ohio Covered Bridge Week (R.C. 5.245)
October 13	Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2291)
October 15	Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day (R.C. 5.2279)
October 16	Dravet Syndrome Awareness Day (R.C. 5.251)

Observance Date(s)	Observance Name
October – 3rd Thursday	Ohio Mammography Day (R.C. 5.2213)
October – 3rd week	Ohio Save for Retirement Week (R.C. 5.2264)
October 12	Farmer's Day (R.C. 5.2412)
October 22	U.S.S. Hocking Day (R.C. 5.2256)
October 23	Aromatic L-Amino Acid Decarboxylase Deficiency Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2538)
October 26	Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2320)
November	Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2299) Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2271) Epilepsy Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2260) Ohio Adoption Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2314) Omega Psi Phi Month (R.C. 5.2261) One Health Awareness Month (R.C. 5.239)
November – 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday	Election Day (between 12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m.) – Designated a legal holiday, but the state does not close operations (R.C. 5.20)
November – 2nd week	Ohio Diabetes Awareness-Heart Connection Week (R.C. 5.2528)
November – second full week	Ohio Soil Health Week (R.C. 5.268)
November 10	Armed Services, Peace Officer, First Responder, and Dual Service Recognition Day (R.C. 5.28) Veterans Educate Today's Students Day (or V.E.T.S. Day) school commemoration (R.C. 5.23(B))
November 11	Veterans' Day – Legal holiday (R.C. 1.14 and 5.21) Veterans' Day school commemoration (R.C. 5.23(A))
November – week prior to the week in which Thanksgiving Day occurs	Ohio Public Education Appreciation Week (R.C. 5.2311)
November 16	Sanfilippo Syndrome Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2522)
November 19	George Rogers Clark Day (R.C. 5.2227) James A. Garfield Day (R.C. 5.2316)
November – Saturday immediately preceding Thanksgiving Day	Adoption Day (R.C. 5.2259) Ohio Survivors of Suicide Loss Day (R.C. 5.48)

Observance Date(s)	Observance Name
November – 4th Thursday	Thanksgiving Day – Legal holiday (R.C. 1.14)
December	Free Clinic Appreciation Month (R.C. 5.252)
December 1	Rosa Parks Day (R.C. 5.2231)
December – 1st week	Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week (R.C. 5.2240)
December – week including the 17th	Ohio Aviation and Aerospace History Education Week (R.C. 5.2210)
December 21	Homeless Persons' Memorial Day (R.C. 5.2262)
December 25	Christmas Day – Legal holiday (R.C. 1.14)
2008	Year of the Veteran (R.C. 5.2263)
No date given	Any day appointed and recommended by the Governor or the President of the United States as a holiday (R.C. 1.14)

Table 2. Holidays and Observances – In Order of Effective Date

Bill Number and (Joint) Sponsor(s)	Observance Name	Effective Date
101st General Assembly (1955-1956)		
S.B. 20 (Fess)	Veterans Day – Legal holiday (R.C. 5.21)[3]	7/15/1955
103rd General Assembly (1959-1960)		
S.B. 263 (Calabrese)	Columbus Day – Legal holiday (R.C. 5.21)[4]	9/29/1959
108th General Assembly (1969-1970)		
H.B. 5 (Celebrezze)	Washington/Lincoln Day – Legal holiday (R.C. 1.14) Thanksgiving Day – Legal holiday (R.C. 1.14) Lincoln's birthday, Washington's birthday, Memorial Day, and Veterans' Day to be commemorated in schools (R.C. 5.23)	1/1/1971
111th General Assembly (1975-1976)		
S.B. 18 (Bowen)	Martin Luther King Day – Legal holiday (R.C. 1.14)	8/1/1975
112th General Assembly (1977-1978)		
S.B. 21 (Carney)	World War I Day (R.C. 5.221)	10/7/1977
115th General Assembly (1983-1984)		
H.B. 709 (Pringle)	General Pulaski Memorial Day (R.C. 5.222)	3/14/1985
117th General Assembly (1987-1988)		
S.B. 44 (Schafrath)	Native American Indian Day (R.C. 5.223)	9/24/1987
H.B. 370 (Johnson, T.)	Ohio Statehood Day (R.C. 5.224)	5/31/1988
118th General Assembly (1989-1990)		
S.B. 320 (Meshel)	Workers Memorial Day (R.C. 5.225)	7/24/1990
119th General Assembly (1991-1992)		
H.B. 611 (Gerberry)	Ohio Braille Literacy Week (R.C. 5.226)	10/28/1992
121st General Assembly (1995-1996)		

[3] Veterans Day was previously recognized in General Code (G.C.) 8301 as "Armistice Day."

[4] Columbus Day was previously recognized in G.C. 8301 as "Columbus Discovery Day."

Bill Number and (Joint) Sponsor(s)	Observance Name	Effective Date
H.B. 186 (Netzley)	Destroyer Escort Day in Ohio (R.C. 5.227)	3/11/1996
H.B. 402 (Reid)	Korean War Veterans' Day (R.C. 5.228)	3/11/1996
S.B. 250 (Watts)	Gold Star Mothers Day (R.C. 5.229)	8/8/1996
S.B. 289 (Kearns)	Aviation and Aerospace History Education Week (R.C. 5.2210)	9/27/1996
S.B. 291 (Gillmor)	Child Care Worker Appreciation Week (R.C. 5.2211)	3/31/1997
122nd General Assembly (1997-1998)		
H.B. 34 (Reid)	School Energy Conservation Day in Ohio (R.C. 5.2212)	3/10/1998
H.B. 243 (Van Vyven)	Ohio Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Ohio Mammography Day (R.C. 5.2213)	5/21/1998
H.B. 652 (Schuler)	Ohio Township Day (R.C. 5.2214)	6/1/1998
H.B. 643 (Carey)	Ohio National Guard Day (R.C. 5.2216)	7/9/1998
S.B. 183 (Drake)	Ohio Hepatitis C Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2215)	7/22/1998
H.B. 698 (Van Vyven)	Prostate Cancer Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2217)	3/22/1999
123rd General Assembly (1999-2000)		
S.B. 120 (Watts)	Veterans Educate Today's Students Day or V.E.T.S. Day (R.C. 5.23(B))	6/15/2000
H.B. 280 (James)	Exemplary Adult Care Provider Day (R.C. 5.2218)	3/22/2001
124th General Assembly (2001-2002)		
S.B. 33 (White)	Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2219)	7/11/2001
S.B. 17 (DiDonato)	Dean Martin Day (R.C. 5.2220)	9/26/2001
H.B. 125 (Kearns)	Tartan Day (R.C. 5.2221)	3/15/2002
H.B. 165 (Salerno)	Ohio Child Abuse Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2222)	3/15/2002
H.B. 48 (Ogg)	School Bus Drivers Appreciation Day (R.C. 5.2224)	7/23/2002
H.B. 313 (Woodard)	Teacher Appreciation Day (R.C. 5.2225)	8/14/2002
H.B. 407 (Buehrer)	Eye Donor Month in Ohio (R.C. 5.2223)	10/11/2002
S.B. 121 (Blessing)	Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2226)	3/19/2003

Bill Number and (Joint) Sponsor(s)	Observance Name	Effective Date
125th General Assembly (2003-2004)		
H.B. 224 (Kearns)	George Rogers Clark Day (R.C. 5.2227)	3/23/2005
S.B. 250 (Coughlin)	Ohio Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2228)	5/18/2005
H.B. 493 (Hoops)	Parent's Week (R.C. 5.2229)	5/18/2005
126th General Assembly (2005-2006)		
H.B. 36 (Carmichael)	Leukemia, Lymphoma, and Myeloma Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2230)	9/30/2005
H.B. 421 (Beatty)	Rosa Parks Day (R.C. 5.2231)	4/14/2006
H.B. 379 (Yuko)	Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2232)	6/6/2006
H.B. 393 (Patton, S.)	Emancipation Day (R.C. 5.2234)	9/28/2006
H.B. 282 (Flowers)	Ohio Public Safety Employee Day (R.C. 5.2233)	4/5/2007
127th General Assembly (2007-2008)		
H.B. 119 (Dolan)	Nutrition and Physical Fitness Month (R.C. 5.2235)	9/29/2007
S.B. 40 (Schuler)	German Heritage Month (R.C. 5.2236)	1/24/2008
H.B. 55 (McGregor, J.)	Heritage and Freedom Flag of the Former Republic of Vietnam Day (R.C. 5.2238)	8/14/2008
H.B. 150 (McGregor, J.)	Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2240)	9/12/2008
H.B. 297 (Carmichael)	Ohio Lyme Disease Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2237)	9/12/2008
S.B. 243 (Schaffer)	Fibromyalgia Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2241) Ronald Reagan Day (R.C. 5.2242) Ohio Boy Scout Week (R.C. 5.2243) Black History Month (R.C. 5.2244) Nurses Month (R.C. 5.2245) Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month (R.C. 5.2246)[5] Juneteenth National Freedom Day (R.C. 5.2247) Brothers and Sisters' Day (R.C. 5.2248)	4/7/2009

[5] This observance also was enacted and codified as R.C. 5.2283 by H.B. 492 of the 129th General Assembly, effective March 22, 2013.

Bill Number and (Joint) Sponsor(s)	Observance Name	Effective Date
	Lithopolis Honeyfest Day (R.C. 5.2249) Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2250) (amended by S.B. 300 of the 130th General Assembly) Internet Safety Day (R.C. 5.2251) Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2252) Ohio Preparedness Month (R.C. 5.2253) Childhood Cancer Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2254) Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2255) U.S.S. Hocking Day (R.C. 5.2256) Crime Prevention Month (R.C. 5.2257) Disability Employment Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2258) Adoption Day (R.C. 5.2259) Epilepsy Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2260) Omega Psi Phi Month (R.C. 5.2261) Homeless Persons' Memorial Day (R.C. 5.2262) Year of the Veteran (R.C. 5.2263) Ohio Save for Retirement Week (R.C. 5.2264)	
128th General Assembly (2009-2010)		
H.B. 150 (Ujvagi and McGregor)	Ohio Military Family Month (R.C. 5.2265) (identical language enacted by H.B. 1 of the 128th General Assembly)	7/14/2009
H.B. 1 (Sykes)	Ohio Military Family Month (R.C. 5.2265) (identical language enacted by H.B. 150 of the 128th General Assembly)	10/16/2009
S.B. 51 (Morano)	Ohio Turfgrass Week (R.C. 5.2239)	3/24/2011
129th General Assembly (2011-2012)		
H.B. 89 (Derickson)	Ohio Agriculture Week (R.C. 5.2266)	6/10/2011
S.B. 155 (Cates and Sawyer)	John Glenn Friendship 7 Day (R.C. 5.2270)	12/21/2011
S.B. 38 (Hughes)	ALS Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2267)	1/13/2012
S.B. 101 (Patton)	Substance Abuse Awareness and Education Month (R.C. 5.2269)	1/13/2012
S.B. 134 (Wagoner)	Vietnam Veterans' Day (R.C. 5.2278)	3/30/2012

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H.B. 185 (Carey and O'Brien)	Ohio Aggregates and Industrial Minerals Awareness Week (R.C. 5.2274)	5/22/2012
H.B. 215 (Dovilla)	Elder Abuse Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2273)	5/22/2012
H.B. 148 (Letson and Anielski)	Macular Degeneration Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2276)	6/4/2012
S.B. 247 (Balderson)	Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2277)	6/8/2012
S.B. 260 (Obhof)	Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2275)	8/6/2012
H.B. 207 (Balderson and Letson)	Ohio Coal Miners Week (R.C. 5.2272)	9/5/2012
H.B. 491 (Young and Kozlowski)	Ohio Wines Month (R.C. 5.2282)	9/6/2012
S.B. 40 (Kearney)	Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2271)	3/13/2013
S.B. 135 (Kearney)	Craniofacial Acceptance Month (R.C. 5.2287)	3/13/2013
S.B. 199 (Smith)	Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2291)	3/13/2013
H.B. 492 (Gonzales)	Emma "Grandma" Gatewood Day (R.C. 5.2284) Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month (R.C. 5.2283)[6]	3/22/2013
S.B. 304 (Balderson)	Better Hearing and Speech Month (R.C. 5.2281)	3/22/2013
H.B. 184 (Martin)	Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2268)	3/27/2013
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S.B. 24 (Obhof)	Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day (R.C. 5.2279)	8/15/2013
H.B. 77 (Dovilla and Celebrezze)	Manufacturing Month (R.C. 5.2293)	9/27/2013
H.B. 149 (Anielski)	Ohio Suicide Prevention Day (R.C. 5.2286)	9/27/2013
S.B. 94 (Balderson)	Ohio Forest Products Awareness Week (R.C. 5.2285)	9/27/2013
S.B. 38 (Schiavoni)	Nonviolence Week (R.C. 5.2289)	10/11/2013

[6] This observance also was enacted and codified as R.C. 5.2246 by S.B. 243 of the 127th General Assembly, effective April 7, 2009.

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H.B. 97 (Brenner and Letson)	Dyslexia Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2294)	1/30/2014
H.B. 127 (Adams, R.)	Career-Technical Education and Skilled Workforce Development Month (R.C. 5.2295)	2/14/2014
S.B. 198 (Jones and Tavares)	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2290)	5/20/2014
H.B. 399 (Sheehy and Sprague)	Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness and Education Day (R.C. 5.2269)	9/4/2014
S.B. 275 (Hite)	Meningitis Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2292)	9/4/2014
H.B. 105 (Hayes)	Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Week (R.C. 5.2280)	9/11/2014
S.B. 294 (Hughes)	Safe Driving Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2297)	9/17/2014
H.B. 27 (Derickson and Letson)	Rare Disease Day (R.C. 5.254)	3/3/2015
S.B. 301 (Bacon)	Ohio Warrior Awareness Week (R.C. 5.211)	3/3/2015
H.B. 465 (Johnson)	Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Awareness Week (R.C. 5.25)	3/5/2015
H.B. 270 (Rogers)	Dravet Syndrome Awareness Day (R.C. 5.251)	3/23/2015
H.B. 320 (Young)	Free Clinic Appreciation Month (R.C. 5.252)	3/23/2015
S.B. 84 (Kearney)	Ohio Community Theatre Month (R.C. 5.253)	3/23/2015
S.B. 227 (Beagle)	Ohio Internship and Co-op Appreciation Day (R.C. 5.255)	3/23/2015
S.B. 272 (Cafaro and Eklund)	Ohio Maple Syrup Products Month (R.C. 5.2288) School Bullying Prevention Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2296) Rascal Flatts Day (R.C. 5.26) Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month (R.C. 5.27)[7]	3/23/2015
131st General Assembly (2015-2016)		
H.B. 29 (Johnson, T.)	Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2299)	9/24/2015
H.B. 64 (Smith, R.)	Eastern European Month (R.C. 5.2298)	9/29/2015

[7] Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month was moved from September to April by S.B. 34 of the 135th General Assembly, effective March 14, 2024.

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H.B. 62 (Buchy)	Krabbe Disease Awareness Week (R.C. 5.231)	10/15/2015
S.B. 117 (Yuko and Hughes)	Rett Syndrome Awareness Month (R.C. 5.233)	2/1/2016
H.B. 244 (Rosenberger and Johnson, T.)	Armed Services, Peace Officer, First Responder, and Dual Service Recognition Day (R.C. 5.28)	2/15/2016
H.B. 142 (Hagan)	Endometriosis Awareness Month (R.C. 5.256)	3/23/2016
H.B. 98 (Brown)	Childhood Apraxia of Speech Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2281)	5/17/2016
H.B. 121 (Stinziano and Ruhl)	Service Dog Awareness Week (R.C. 5.241)	5/17/2016
S.B. 124 (Thomas)	Asthma Awareness Month and Childhood Asthma Awareness Day (R.C. 5.258)	7/6/2016
H.B. 242 (Hagan and Dever)	Blue Star Mothers and Families Day (R.C. 5.235)	8/5/2016
S.B. 133 (Beagle)	Scleroderma Awareness Month (R.C. 5.237)	8/5/2016
S.B. 239 (Hughes)	Ohio Purple Heart Day (R.C. 5.46)	8/5/2016
H.B. 219 (Barnes)	Thyroid Health Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2515)	8/31/2016
H.B. 352 (Johnson, T.)	Osteopathic Medicine Recognition Month (R.C. 5.2511)	8/31/2016
H.B. 431 (Sheehy and Patterson)	Annie Glenn Communication Disorders Awareness Day (R.C. 5.289)	8/31/2016
S.B. 188 (Seitz and Tavares)	Genocide Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2513)	8/31/2016
S.B. 128 (Cafaro and Schiavoni)	Bartter Syndrome Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2517)	9/8/2016
H.B. 434 (Baker)	Fibromuscular Dysplasia Awareness Month (R.C. 5.232)	9/28/2016
H.B. 483 (Amstutz)	Disability History and Awareness Month (R.C. 5.234)	10/12/2016
H.B. 260 (Blessing)	Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week (R.C. 5.2240)	1/31/2017
S.B. 225 (Bacon)	Hypoparathyroidism Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2312)	3/14/2017
H.B. 440 (Anielski)	Ohio Survivors of Suicide Loss Day (R.C. 5.48)	3/16/2017

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H.B. 580 (Johnson, T., and Huffman)	Fanconi Anemia Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2310) All for the Kids Awareness Day (R.C. 5.238) One Health Awareness Month (R.C. 5.239)	3/21/2017
S.B. 291 (Yuko)	Pain Awareness Month (R.C. 5.29)	3/21/2017
H.B. 438 (Patterson)	Ohio Public Education Appreciation Week (R.C. 5.2311)	4/6/2017
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S.B. 23 (Terhar)	Omphalocele Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2510)	6/30/2017
H.B. 84 (Arndt and Patton)	Ohio Goes Boating Month (R.C. 5.47)	8/15/2017
H.B. 59 (Leland and West)	Moses Fleetwood Walker Day (R.C. 5.242)	12/27/2017
S.B. 57 (Kunze)	Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day (R.C. 5.291)	12/27/2017
H.B. 94 (Sykes, E., and Perales)	Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2516)	1/18/2018
S.B. 27 (Beagle)	Ohio Deaf History Month (R.C. 5.2281)	1/18/2018
S.B. 3 (Beagle and Balderson)	In-Demand Jobs Week (R.C. 5.281)	2/5/2018
H.B. 196 (Lipps)	Ohio Chiropractic Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2518)	3/23/2018
S.B. 62 (Yuko)	Harrison Dillard Day (R.C. 5.236)	3/23/2018
H.B. 44 (Patmon)	First Responders' Appreciation Day (R.C. 5.261)	5/3/2018
H.B. 165 (Gonzales and Conditt)	Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2520)	5/11/2018
H.B. 252 (Huffman)	Blood Donor Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2519)	5/11/2018
H.B. 45 (Sprague)	Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month (R.C. 5.259)	6/1/2018
S.B. 143 (Eklund)	International Ataxia Awareness Day (R.C. 5.257)	6/29/2018
H.B. 159 (Riedel)	Drive Ohio Byways Month (R.C. 5.292)	9/28/2018
H.B. 229 (Romanchuk and Wiggam)	Charles Follis Day (R.C. 5.265)	9/28/2018

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H.B. 202 (Thompson and Lanese)	Veterans Suicide Awareness Day (R.C. 5.481)[8]	3/8/2019
H.B. 315 (Arndt)	S.M.A.R.T. Parent Day (R.C. 5.2523)	3/12/2019
H.B. 414 (Schaffer)	National Atomic Veterans Day (R.C. 5.243)	3/12/2019
S.B. 86 (Hackett)	Ohio Principals Month (R.C. 5.2315) Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month (R.C. 5.244) Ohio Covered Bridge Week (R.C. 5.245) Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2512) Jesse Owens Day (R.C. 5.262) We Card Month (R.C. 5.263) Sarcoidosis Awareness Month (R.C. 5.264) Superman Day (R.C. 5.49) Ohio National Missing Children's Day (R.C. 5.50) One Small Step Week (R.C. 5.51)	3/20/2019
H.B. 420 (Sykes and Boyd)	Ohio Adoption Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2314)	4/5/2019
133rd General Assembly (2019-2020)		
H.B. 59 (Wiggam)	Ohio Native Plant Month (R.C. 5.2514)	10/17/2019
S.B. 77 (Hoagland and Williams)	Women Veterans' Day (R.C. 5.52)	3/12/2020
H.B. 230 (Crossman)	Brain Cancer Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2313)	11/27/2020
H.B. 364 (Manning, G.)	Aortic Aneurysm Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2521)	1/15/2021
H.B. 325 (Miller, J., and Howse)	Toni Morrison Day (R.C. 5.293)	3/24/2021
H.B. 32 (Stein)	Cardiac Amyloidosis Recognition Month (R.C. 5.2524) Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA) Day (R.C. 5.2525) Hirschsprung's Disease Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2526) Sanfilippo Syndrome Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2522)	4/12/2021

[8] Veterans Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day was moved from the 1st Saturday of May to September 22 by S.B. 225 of the 135th General Assembly, effective October 24, 2024.

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134th General Assembly (2021-2022)		
S.B. 30 (Dolan)	Ohio Overdose Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2269)	9/7/2021
S.B. 42 (Schaffer)	Ohio Diabetes Awareness-Heart Connection Week (R.C. 5.2528)	9/21/2021
H.B. 106 (Cross)	Radon Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2317)	9/30/2021
H.B. 110 (Oelslager)	Juneteenth Day – Legal holiday (R.C. 1.14) Maternal Mortality Awareness Month (R.C. 5.247) Postpartum Cardiomyopathy Awareness Week (R.C. 5.2527)	9/30/2021
H.B. 137 (Upchurch and Blackshear)	Ohio Tuskegee Airmen Day (R.C. 5.246)	9/30/2021
H.B. 238 (Hicks-Hudson and Crawley)	Buffalo Soldiers Day (R.C. 5.53)	6/1/2022
S.B. 11 (Brenner)	Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week (R.C. 5.2530)	6/10/2022
S.B. 25 (Gavarone)	Sexual Assault Prevention Awareness Month (R.C. 5.248)	7/21/2022
H.B. 340 (Bird and Blackshear)	International Underground Railroad Month (R.C. 5.2531)	9/13/2022
H.B. 430 (Cross)	Ohio Work Zone Safety Awareness Month (R.C. 5.249)	9/23/2022
H.B. 537 (Abrams)	Cholangiocarcinoma Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2529)	9/23/2022
H.B. 583 (Bird and Jones)	Ohio School Safety Month (R.C. 5.2318)	9/23/2022
S.B. 63 (O'Brien)	Human Trafficking Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2319) Aromatic L-Amino Acid Decarboxylase Deficiency Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2538)	4/3/2023
H.B. 423 (Roemer and Young, B.)	Ulysses S. Grant Day (R.C. 5.2532) Ohio Burn Awareness Week (R.C. 5.2533) Ohio Public Lands Day (R.C. 5.2534) Pollinator Week (R.C. 5.2537) Eugene 'Gene' F. Kranz Day (R.C. 5.294)	4/3/2023
H.B. 558 (Roemer and Jordan)	Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2535) Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2536)	4/6/2023

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135th General Assembly (2023-2024)		
H.B. 33 (Edwards)	Month of the Military Child (R.C. 5.55) Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2320)	10/3/2023
H.B. 61 (Troy and Callender)	James A. Garfield Day (R.C. 5.2316)	1/11/2024
S.B. 34 (Schaffer)	Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month (change from September to April) (R.C. 5.27) Sarcoma Awareness Month (R.C. 5.271)	3/14/2024
S.B. 156 (Reineke and Hackett)	Powerboat Safety Month (R.C. 5.2321)	10/24/2024
S.B. 225 (Roegner)	Veterans Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day (change from the 1st Saturday in May to September 22) (R.C. 5.481)	10/24/2024
H.B. 28 (Humphrey)	Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2535)	3/20/2025
H.B. 173 (Troy)	Older Ohioans Month (R.C. 5.2410) Ohio Black Media Week (R.C. 5.54) Hindu Heritage Month (R.C. 5.60)	4/3/2025
H.B. 315 (Hall and Seitz)	Ukraine Independence Day (R.C. 5.61)	4/3/2025
S.B. 234 (Gavarone)	Food Allergy Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2539) Lupus Awareness Month (R.C. 5.56)	4/9/2025
136th General Assembly (2025-2026)		
H.B. 96 (Stewart)	Responsible Fatherhood Month (R.C. 5.62)	6/30/2025
S.B. 14 (Reynolds)	Speaker Jo Ann Davidson Day (R.C. 5.57)	8/18/2025
H.B. 4 (Holmes and Thomas)	Ohio Stillbirth Prevention Day (R.C. 5.2471)	8/27/2025
S.B. 20 (Antonio and Manning)	Stroke Awareness Week (R.C. 5.2540)	8/27/2025
S.B. 21 (Brenner and Reineke)	Rutherford B. Hayes Day (R.C. 5.2322)	9/4/2025
H.B. 65 (Klopenstein and Peterson)	Ohio Stormwater Awareness Week (R.C. 5.2322) FFA Week (R.C. 5.2411) Farmer's Day (R.C. 5.2412)	9/30/2025

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	4-H Week (R.C. 5.2413) Agriculture Day (R.C. 5.2414) National Farmers Market Week (R.C. 5.2415) Ohio Soil Health Week (R.C. 5.268)	
S.B. 27 (Johnson)	Ameloblastoma Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2540)	9/30/2025
S.B. 17 (Reynolds and Craig)	6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day (R.C. 5.212)	3/20/2026
S.B. 18 (Reynolds and Craig)	Cardiovascular Health Awareness Day (R.C. 5.2540)	6/9/2026
S.B. 244 (Roegner and Timken)	Abbey Gate Remembrance Day (R.C. 5.63)	6/30/2026