

AN ACT

To enact sections 5.015, 5.2522, 5.2524, 5.2525, and 5.2526 of the Revised Code to create a suggested ceremonial procedure for retiring an Ohio state flag and to designate March as "Cardiac Amyloidosis Recognition Month," April 26 as "Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA) Day," September as "Hirschsprung's Disease Awareness Month," and November 16 as "Sanfilippo Syndrome Awareness Day."

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That sections 5.015, 5.2522, 5.2524, 5.2525, and 5.2526 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 5.015. (A) The general assembly recommends the following ceremonial procedure for the retirement of the state flag, to be followed, voluntarily, with respect and dignity, by civilians and civilian groups or organizations.

(B) The ceremony shall consist of three parts: a preamble, a pledge, and the retirement by burning of the separated parts of the state flag.

(C) Before the ceremony to retire the state flag, the dedicated parts of the state flag shall be separated as specified in division (G) of this section in preparation for the ceremony. A written preamble as set forth in division (D) of this section shall be provided to all persons upon entering the premises where the ceremony will occur along with a copy of the pledge set forth in section 5.013 of the Revised Code.

(D) The preamble to the ceremony shall state the following:

I am the flag of the state of Ohio.

My first witness to our country as your state symbol was to the assassination of President William McKinley on September 14, 1901.

Our state went nearly one hundred years without a flag to represent us.

The spirit of Ohio is within me.

I represent everything: from the hills and valleys, to the rivers and roadways of our great state.

I call our state great for many reasons.

Some have called our state the Mother of Presidents.

Eight of our nation's presidents have been born among these hills and valleys.

Know that, in my retirement, my spirit must live on.

The spirit of Ohio must live on!

The history of yesterday, the gifts of the present, and the future of tomorrow.

These principles are woven into me!

(E) All persons present who are able, should be asked to stand at attention with their right

hands placed over their hearts or with the appropriate salute during the pledge to the flag. A speaker shall lead the group in stating the pledge set forth in section 5.013 of the Revised Code.

(F) After the pledge, the speaker shall ask that the stripes be brought forth, stating: "Please bring forth the stripes of our flag. These stripes represent the roads and waterways of Ohio. Let them now be retired by fire." The speaker shall then ask that the union and stars be brought forth, stating: "Please bring forth the blue union and stars of our flag. This union represents the hills and valleys of Ohio. These stars represent our joining the Union as the 17th state. Now let them be retired by fire. As we continue about our daily lives, keep in mind the spirit of the flag and know that it lives on."

(G) The dedicated parts of the state flag shall be cut in separate parts including the triangular blue union with stars as one piece, the three red stripes as three separate pieces, and the two white stripes as two additional pieces. The five stripes shall be presented upon the request of the speaker. The blue union and stars shall be presented as one piece upon the request of the speaker.

Sec. 5.2522. The sixteenth day of November is designated as "Sanfilippo Syndrome Awareness Day."

Sec. 5.2524. The month of March is designated as "Cardiac Amyloidosis Recognition Month."

Sec. 5.2525. The twenty-sixth day of April is designated as "Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA) Awareness Day."

Sec. 5.2526. The month of September is designated as "Hirschsprung's Disease Awareness Month" to increase public awareness of Hirschsprung's disease and encourage caregivers of newborns to seek an early diagnosis and proper treatment of the disease.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

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Secretary of State.

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