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(By Delegates Smith, Boggs, Miley, Walker, Skaff,  
Ennis, Moore, Poore, Fragale, M. Poling  
and White)

[Introduced January 19, 2011; referred to the  
Committee on Government Organization.]



A BILL to amend §2-2-1a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to designating the first Thursday in May the West Virginia Day of Prayer.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That §2-2-1a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 2. LEGAL HOLIDAYS; SPECIAL MEMORIAL DAYS; CONSTRUCTION OF STATUTES; DEFINITIONS.**

**§2-2-1a. Special memorial days.**

(a) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare the week beginning with the Sunday before Thanksgiving as a special memorial week to be known as Native American Indian Heritage Week.

(b) The first Tuesday after the first Monday of November is designated Susan B. Anthony Day and shall only be a legal holiday in all years ending in an even number. The Governor shall annually issue a proclamation calling on all schools, civic organizations, government departments and citizens to undertake activities on the designated day and surrounding days to pay tribute to the accomplishments of Susan B. Anthony in securing the civil and political rights of all Americans, including securing equal voting

1 rights for women.

2 (c) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare December 7 as  
3 a special memorial day, to be known as Pearl Harbor Day, honoring  
4 all West Virginians who fought in World War II and shall encourage  
5 all municipalities in the state to do the same.

6 (d) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare the first  
7 Thursday in May as the West Virginia Day of Prayer. This date  
8 corresponds with the National Day of Prayer, 36 U.S.C. §119, on  
9 which the people of West Virginia may turn to God in prayer and  
10 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.