

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0074

Agent Orange Health Awareness Month.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Lindholm and Blackburn and
Senator(s) Boner

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state recognized commemorative days;
2 designating Agent Orange Health Awareness Month; providing
3 recommendations for observation of the month; and providing
4 for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 8-4-110 is created to read:

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10 **8-4-110. Agent Orange Health Awareness Month.**

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12 (a) In recognition of those who have been exposed to
13 Agent Orange and as many as five (5) future generations who
14 may also suffer from a number of deleterious health effects
15 associated with the toxic dioxin in Agent Orange, and in

1 recognition that because more than nineteen million
2 (19,000,000) gallons of herbicide was sprayed throughout
3 South Vietnam, with Agent Orange accounting for
4 approximately eleven million (11,000,000) gallons, causing
5 the United States department of veterans affairs to presume
6 that all veterans who served in Vietnam were exposed, the
7 month of August of each year is designated as "Agent Orange
8 Health Awareness Month." The month shall be appropriately
9 observed in the public schools of the state and by
10 organizations within the state. The legislature recommends
11 that Wyoming communities host programs during Agent Orange
12 Health Awareness Month to encourage all Vietnam veterans
13 and their offspring who have not already done so to seek
14 proper health screening and to educate the general
15 population of Wyoming about the Vietnam War era, Agent
16 Orange and the health effects of Agent Orange.

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18 (b) The governor, not later than July 10 of each
19 year, shall issue a proclamation requesting proper
20 observance of Agent Orange Health Awareness Month and
21 requesting healthcare, military and veterans' organizations
22 to work with Wyoming school districts and communities to

1 encourage health screenings and observe the month with
2 appropriate activities and programs.

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4 (c) This section shall not affect commercial paper,
5 the making or execution of written agreements or judicial
6 proceedings, or authorize public schools, businesses or
7 state and local government offices to close.

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9 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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11 (END)