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### CHAPTER 216

AN ACT to amend 14.23 of the statutes, relating to the duty of the governor to annually proclaim the last Sunday in September as gold star mother's day and to call for its proper observance.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

14.23 of the statutes is amended to read:

14.23 The governor, by proclamation, may set apart one day each year to be designated as arbor and bird day, and may request its observance by all schools, colleges and other institutions by the planting of trees, the adornment of school and public grounds, and by suitable exercises having for their object the advancement of the study of arboriculture, the promotion of a spirit of protection to birds and trees, and the cultivation of an appreciative sentiment concerning them. He may also set aside in said manner, the third Sunday in May in each year to be designated as citizenship day, and shall request its observance by all circuit court judges, county boards, municipalities, colleges and other institutions, and by suitable exercises for all those persons who have recently become enfranchised either by naturalization or by reaching their majority with the necessity of exercising responsible, vigilant and intelligent citizenship to safeguard and maintain

our inalienable American liberties, freedom of person, stability, strength, endurance of our democratic institutions, ideals and leadership. He may also set apart, in said manner, one day in each year to be observed as Labor Day. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation calling attention to the fact that November 11 is the anniversary of Armistice Day, and requesting the people throughout the state to observe by appropriate exercises the hour at which the armistice was concluded. The governor is authorized to annually proclaim the second Sunday in May as mother's day and to urge the people and organizations to display the American flag as a public expression of love and reverence for the mothers of our state and as a symbol of a united effort to inspire better homes and closer union between the state, its homes and its sons and daughters. *The governor may annually proclaim the last Sunday in September as gold star mother's day and call upon the people and organizations to display the United States flag and hold appropriate meetings in their homes, churches and other suitable places as a public expression of love, sorrow and reverence for the gold star mothers of our state.*

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