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2021 Wisconsin Act 213
[2021 Senate Bill 398]

**Special Observance Day of 9/11 in
Schools**

State law designates certain dates for the observance of events or persons in Wisconsin schools. Under **prior law**, 21 days were designated for special observance in schools¹ when school is held or, if the day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, on a school day immediately preceding or following that special observance day. **2021 Wisconsin Act 213** designates September 11, as the day to “remember the attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, and to honor law enforcement officers and firefighters.”

Effective date: April 2, 2021

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¹ The 21 special observance days under prior law are the following: (a) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; (b) Abraham Lincoln's birthday; (c) Susan B. Anthony's birthday; (d) George Washington's birthday; (e) Casimir Pulaski Day; (f) “The Great Hunger” in Ireland from 1845 to 1850; (g) Prisoners of War Remembrance Day; (h) American Creed Day; (i) Patriots' Day; (j) Environmental Awareness Day; (k) Arbor Day, or Arbor and Bird Day if declared by the Governor; (l) Robert M. La Follette, Sr. Day; (m) Mildred Fish Harnack Day; (n) U.S. Constitution Day; (o) Wisconsin Day, as part of Wonderful Wisconsin Week; (p) POW-MIA Recognition Day; (q) Bullying Awareness Day; (r) Frances Willard Day; (s) Leif Erikson Day; (t) Christopher Columbus' birthday; and (u) Veterans Day.