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Prime Sponsor: Lindholm

Catch Title: Agent Orange Health Awareness Month.

Subject: Designating Agent Orange Health Awareness Month and providing recommendations for observation of the month.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill establishes the month of August each year as "Agent Orange Health Awareness Month" in recognition that:
 - Those who have been exposed to Agent Orange and generations thereafter may suffer from a number of deleterious health effects associated with the toxic dioxin in Agent Orange; and
 - That due to the volume of herbicide, including agent orange, sprayed throughout South Vietnam during the Vietnam War era, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs presumes that all veterans who served in Vietnam were exposed.
- The bill recommends that public schools, organizations and communities host programs during Agent Orange Health Awareness Month to encourage all Vietnam veterans and their offspring to seek health screening and to educate the general public about the Vietnam War era, Agent Orange and its health effects.

Comments:

- By July 15 of each year, the Governor shall issue a proclamation requesting observance of Agent Orange Health Awareness Month and requesting healthcare, military and veterans' organizations to work with school districts and communities to hold activities and programs.
- The Wyoming Veterans' Commission in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs shall develop a campaign to encourage Vietnam veterans and their families to register with, schedule and take the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Agent Orange registry health exam and an outreach campaign to notify Wyoming Vietnam veterans of changes to medical conditions associated with Agent Orange.

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