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An act relating to designating October 12 as Dewey Day

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. FINDINGS

U.S. Admiral George Dewey, the only person to attain the rank of Admiral of the (U.S.) Navy, was born and raised in Montpelier. He was a renowned U.S. Navy hero, whose military leadership resulted in the destruction of the Spanish fleet in Manila Bay, the Philippines, during the Spanish-American War of 1898. The original Dewey Day celebration occurred in Montpelier on October 12, 1899. In 2018, the Governor issued an executive order designating, on a one-time basis, October 12 as Dewey Day. However, it would serve as a fitting memorial to Admiral Dewey to establish an annual Dewey Day.

Sec. 2. 1 V.S.A. § 378 is added to read:

§ 378. ADMIRAL DEWEY DAY

October 12 of each year is designated as Dewey Day.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.