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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the designation of Kwanzaa week.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 1C.17 Kwanzaa week.

2 The governor of this state is hereby authorized and
3 requested to issue annually a proclamation designating the
4 period from December 26 through January 1 as Kwanzaa week and
5 to encourage all governmental entities, civic organizations,
6 schools, and institutions of higher education in the state to
7 observe the week in a manner that emphasizes the meaning and
8 importance of African heritage in African American culture.

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EXPLANATION

10 This bill authorizes and requests the governor to annually,
11 by proclamation, designate the period from December 26 through
12 January 1 as Kwanzaa week. This designation does not make the
13 week a state holiday.