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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government - Commemorative Days - Asian Lunar New Year Day**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to annually proclaim a certain day as

4 Asian Lunar New Year Day; and generally relating to commemorative days.

5 BY adding to

6 Article - State Government

7 Section 13-405

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

10 **Preamble**

11 WHEREAS, Dating from 2600 B.C., the Asian lunar calendar is the oldest

12 calendar on earth and the longest chronological record in history; and

13 WHEREAS, The new year on the Asian lunar calendar begins at the second

14 lunar month after the winter solstice; and

15 WHEREAS, The lunar new year is a time of commemoration, celebration, and

16 deep meaning for millions of people throughout the world, including people in the

17 United States and the State of Maryland; and

18 WHEREAS, The lunar new year is of particular significance to countless

19 Americans, especially numerous Asian Americans, including those of Chinese,

20 Korean, and Vietnamese descent now living in Maryland; and

1 WHEREAS, The many individuals who celebrate the lunar new year have  
2 greatly enriched the nation and the State of Maryland; now, therefore,

3 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
4 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

5 **Article - State Government**

6 13-405.

7 IN RECOGNITION OF THE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE  
8 MANY MARYLANDERS FOR WHOM THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLDS SPECIAL  
9 SIGNIFICANCE, THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM THE DAY DESIGNATED  
10 AS NEW YEAR ON THE ASIAN LUNAR CALENDAR AS ASIAN LUNAR NEW YEAR DAY.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2006.