

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Maryland American Legion Day**

3 FOR the purpose of supporting the goals and ideals of American Legion Day and  
4 calling on the people of Maryland to observe American Legion Day with  
5 appropriate programs and activities.

6 WHEREAS, On September 16, 1919, Congress issued the American Legion a  
7 Federal charter; and

8 WHEREAS, The American Legion, a veterans service organization, remains  
9 active at the national, State, and local levels; and

10 WHEREAS, American Legion members, known as Legionnaires, donate  
11 millions of volunteer hours in Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities and  
12 State veterans' homes; and

13 WHEREAS, The American Legion sponsors and supports a number of activities  
14 for children and youth, including the National Oratorical Contest, Boy Scouts of  
15 America, American Legion Baseball, Boys State, and Boys Nation; and

16 WHEREAS, The American Legion awards millions of dollars in college  
17 scholarships; and

18 WHEREAS, The American Legion National Emergency Fund provides financial  
19 assistance to Legionnaires who are displaced by natural disasters; and

20 WHEREAS, The American Legion Family Support Network provides assistance  
21 to members of the Armed Forces and their families; and



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1 WHEREAS, The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has provided  
2 millions of dollars for programs focused on America's children and youth, such as the  
3 Special Olympics and the Children's Miracle Network; and

4 WHEREAS, The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance program  
5 provides grants to veterans who have children and who are experiencing financial  
6 hardships; and

7 WHEREAS, The American Legion remains a steadfast supporter of a strong  
8 national defense; and

9 WHEREAS, The American Legion supports maintaining a viable but principled  
10 foreign affairs agenda; and

11 WHEREAS, The American Legion is a staunch advocate for the principal  
12 missions of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

13 WHEREAS, The American Legion played a principal role in the drafting of the  
14 Serviceman's Readjustment Act of 1944, also known as the G.I. Bill of Rights; and

15 WHEREAS, The American Legion supports employment programs and  
16 opportunities for veterans; and

17 WHEREAS, Legionnaires believe a veteran's service to the United States goes  
18 on long after the veteran is discharged from the Armed Forces; and

19 WHEREAS, Many Americans recognize September 16 of each year as American  
20 Legion Day; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the  
22 Maryland General Assembly:

23 (1) supports the goals and ideals of American Legion Day; and

24 (2) calls on the people of Maryland to observe September 16 of each year as  
25 American Legion Day with appropriate programs and activities; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
27 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland; the  
28 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the  
29 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.