## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 3**

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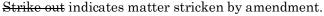
## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

## Maryland American Legion Day

- FOR the purpose of supporting the goals and ideals of American Legion Day and 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
- WHEREAS, American Legion members, known as Legionnaires, donate millions of volunteer hours in Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities and
- 12 State veterans' homes; and
- 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
- WHEREAS, The American Legion awards millions of dollars in college
- 17 scholarships; and

## **EXPLANATION:**





- WHEREAS, The American Legion National Emergency Fund provides financial 1 2 assistance to Legionnaires who are displaced by natural disasters; and 3 WHEREAS, The American Legion Family Support Network provides assistance to members of the Armed Forces and their families; and 4 5 WHEREAS, The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has provided 6 millions of dollars for programs focused on America's children and youth, such as the 7 Special Olympics and the Children's Miracle Network; and 8 WHEREAS, The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance program provides grants to veterans who have children and who are experiencing financial 9 10 hardships; and 11 WHEREAS, The American Legion remains a steadfast supporter of a strong 12 national defense; and 13 WHEREAS, The American Legion supports maintaining a viable but principled 14 foreign affairs agenda; and 15 WHEREAS, The American Legion is a staunch advocate for the principal 16 missions of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and 17 WHEREAS, The American Legion played a principal role in the drafting of the Serviceman's Readjustment Act of 1944, also known as the G.I. Bill of Rights; and 18 19 WHEREAS, The American Legion supports employment programs and opportunities for veterans; and 20 21WHEREAS, Legionnaires believe a veteran's service to the United States goes 22on long after the veteran is discharged from the Armed Forces; and 23WHEREAS, Many Americans recognize September 16 of each year as American Legion Day; now, therefore, be it 2425RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the 26 Maryland General Assembly: 27 supports the goals and ideals of American Legion Day; and (1)
- 28 (2) calls on the people of Maryland to observe September 16 of each year as 29 American Legion Day with appropriate programs and activities; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.