

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 1049 (Delegates Haddaway-Riccio and Eckardt)  
Health and Government Operations

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**State Government - Commemorative Days - Youth Political Awareness Day**

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This bill requires the Governor to annually proclaim the first Monday of November as Youth Political Awareness Day and to urge cultural, educational, patriotic, and religious organizations to observe Youth Political Awareness Day properly.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Commemorating Youth Political Awareness Day does not affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Nine official commemorative days and three months are recognized in State law as shown in **Exhibit 1**. The Governor also must issue a proclamation each year encouraging citizens and other individuals to observe a moment of silence at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day to unite in remembrance and commemorate the heroic acts and efforts of Marylanders who have served and died in the U.S. Armed Forces.

**Background:** Election Day in the United States is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Thus, Youth Political Awareness Day would be observed the day before, when national awareness for politics is high.

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**Exhibit 1**  
**Official Commemorative Days and Months in Maryland**

Asian Lunar New Year Day <sup>1</sup>	January/February
Black History Month	February
Women's History Month	March
Crime Victim and Advocate Day	April 3
John Hanson's Birthday <sup>2</sup>	April 13
Negro Baseball League Day <sup>3</sup>	May
Law Day	May 1
Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Workers Day <sup>4</sup>	June
Maryland Charter Day	June 20
Hispanic Heritage Month <sup>5</sup>	September/October
Poetry Day	October 15
Annapolis Charter Day	December 17

<sup>1</sup>Day designated as new year on the Asian lunar calendar.

<sup>2</sup>John Hanson served as the first president of the Continental Congress under the Articles of Confederation from 1781 to 1782.

<sup>3</sup>Commemorated on the second Saturday in May.

<sup>4</sup>Commemorated on the first Sunday in June.

<sup>5</sup>Commemorated from September 15 to October 15.

Source: Department of Legislative Services

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

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