

Chapter 220

(Senate Bill 472)

AN ACT concerning

**General Provisions – Commemorative ~~Days Months~~ – Caribbean ~~Day in~~
Maryland Heritage Month**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain ~~day month~~ as Caribbean ~~Day in Maryland~~ Heritage Month; requiring the proclamation to urge certain organizations to observe Caribbean ~~Day in Maryland~~ Heritage Month properly; and generally relating to Caribbean ~~Day in Maryland~~ Heritage Month.

BY renumbering

Article – General Provisions

Section ~~7-414 through 7-417~~ 7-504 through 7-506, respectively

to be Section ~~7-415 through 7-418~~ 7-505 through 7-507, respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – General Provisions

Section ~~7-414~~ 7-504

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Preamble

WHEREAS, Maryland is home to a substantial number of Caribbean Americans; and

WHEREAS, Caribbean Americans have greatly enriched Maryland’s cultural diversity, are very beneficial to its economy, and have contributed to our proud heritage; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that Maryland celebrate the heritage and contribution of its Caribbean American people; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) ~~7-414 through 7-417~~ 7-504 through 7-506, respectively, of Article – General Provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) ~~7-415 through 7-418~~ 7-505 through 7-507, respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – General Provisions

~~7-414.~~ 7-504.

(A) THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM THE ~~FIRST MONDAY IN MONTH OF AUGUST AS CARIBBEAN DAY IN MARYLAND~~ HERITAGE MONTH IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT CARIBBEAN AMERICANS HAVE MADE TO THE STATE.

(B) THE PROCLAMATION SHALL URGE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS TO OBSERVE CARIBBEAN ~~DAY IN MARYLAND~~ HERITAGE MONTH PROPERLY WITH APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS, CEREMONIES, AND ACTIVITIES.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

Approved by the Governor, April 30, 2019.