

# HOUSE BILL 899

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By: **Delegates Wolek and Solomon**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Provisions – Commemorative Months – Muslim American Heritage and**  
3 **Jewish American Heritage Months**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim certain months as Muslim  
5 American Heritage and Jewish American Heritage months; requiring the  
6 proclamations to urge certain organizations to observe the months with certain  
7 programs and activities; and generally relating to Muslim American Heritage and  
8 Jewish American Heritage months.

9 BY renumbering

10 Article – General Provisions  
11 Section 7–501 through 7–503 and 7–504 through 7–507  
12 to be Section 7–502 through 7–504 and 7–506 through 7–509, respectively  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

15 BY adding to

16 Article – General Provisions  
17 Section 7–501 and 7–505  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

20 Preamble

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 WHEREAS, There are over 350,000 Muslim Marylanders who currently reside in  
2 the State and, for generations, have contributed to enriching the artistic, business,  
3 academic, and public service communities thereby significantly increasing the vibrancy of  
4 Maryland; and

5 WHEREAS, There are over 250,000 Jewish Marylanders who currently reside in the  
6 State and, for generations, have contributed to enriching the artistic, business, academic,  
7 and public service communities thereby significantly increasing the vibrancy of Maryland;  
8 now, therefore,

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
10 That Section(s) 7-501 through 7-503 and 7-504 through 7-507 of Article – General  
11 Provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7-502  
12 through 7-504 and 7-506 through 7-509, respectively.

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

15 **Article – General Provisions**

16 **7-501.**

17 (A) THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF JANUARY  
18 AS MUSLIM AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN RECOGNITION OF THE  
19 CONTRIBUTIONS THAT MUSLIM AMERICANS HAVE MADE TO THE STATE.

20 (B) THE PROCLAMATION SHALL URGE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL  
21 ORGANIZATIONS TO OBSERVE MUSLIM AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH PROPERLY  
22 WITH APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS, CEREMONIES, AND ACTIVITIES.

23 **7-505.**

24 (A) THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY AS  
25 JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
26 THAT JEWISH AMERICANS HAVE MADE TO THE STATE.

27 (B) THE PROCLAMATION SHALL URGE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL  
28 ORGANIZATIONS TO OBSERVE JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH PROPERLY  
29 WITH APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS, CEREMONIES, AND ACTIVITIES.

30 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 October 1, 2025.