

# HOUSE BILL 661

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By: **Delegates Wolek and Solomon**

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Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

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## A BILL ENTITLED

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 2025 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 2025 Supplement)

20 Preamble

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

25 WHEREAS, There are over 250,000 Jewish Marylanders who currently reside in the  
26 State and, for generations, have contributed to enriching the artistic, business, academic,

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



and public service communities thereby significantly increasing the vibrancy of Maryland;  
now, therefore,

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

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

**Article – General Provisions**

**7–501.**

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

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

**7–505.**

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

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

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
October 1, 2026.