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House Bill 751 (Delegate M. Morgan, *et al.*)
Government, Labor, and Elections

Victims of Communism Memorial Day

This bill requires the Governor to annually proclaim November 7 as Victims of Communism Memorial Day. The Department of Legislative Services must send a copy of the bill to the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Commemorating Victims of Communism Memorial Day does not affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Twenty official commemorative days, seven months, and one week are recognized in State law, as shown in **Appendix – Official Commemorative Days and Months in Maryland**. The Governor also must issue a proclamation each year encouraging citizens and other individuals to observe a moment of silence at 3:00 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.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has been introduced within the last three years. See HB 668 of 2025.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Department of Legislative Services

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Appendix – Official Commemorative Days and Months in Maryland

Asian Lunar New Year Day ¹	January/February
Maryland Holocaust Remembrance Day	January 27
Black History Month	February
Irish-American Heritage Month	March
Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day ²	March
Women’s History Month	March
6888 th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day	March 9
Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day	March 30
Crime Victim and Advocate Commemorative Day	April 3
John Hanson’s Birthday ³	April 13
National Healthcare Decisions Day	April 16
Maryland Centenarians Day ⁴	May
Negro Baseball League Day ⁵	May
Law Day U.S.A.	May 1
Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Workers Day ⁶	June
Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week ⁷	June
Maryland Charter Day	June 20
Thurgood Marshall Day	July 2
Caribbean Heritage Month	August
Hispanic Heritage Month ⁸	September/October
Maryland Veterans Suicide Prevention Day	September 30
German-American Heritage Month	October
South Asian American Heritage Day	October 2
Dashain Day	October 5
Poetry Day	October 15
American Indian Heritage Month	November
Maryland Emancipation Day	November 1
Annapolis Charter Day	December 17

¹Day designated as new year on the Asian lunar calendar.

²Commemorated on the fourth Thursday in March.

³John Hanson served as the first president of the Continental Congress under the Articles of Confederation from 1781 to 1782.

⁴Commemorated on the second Thursday in May.

⁵Commemorated on the second Saturday in May.

⁶Commemorated on the first Sunday in June.

⁷Commemorated during the second week in June.

⁸Commemorated from September 15 to October 15.

Source: Department of Legislative Services
