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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

House Bill 588 (Delegate Hill, *et al.*)  
Government, Labor, and Elections

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**Missing and Murdered American Indian and Alaskan Native Women and Girls -  
Day of Awareness and Reporting Requirement**

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This bill requires the Governor to annually proclaim May 5 as Missing and Murdered American Indian and Alaskan Native Women and Girls Awareness Day. The bill also requires the Department of State Police (DSP) to submit a report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2026, as specified. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Commemorating Missing and Murdered American Indian and Alaskan Native Women and Girls Awareness Day does not affect State finances. DSP can handle the bill's reporting requirement with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** By December 1, 2026, DSP must report to the General Assembly whether State or local law enforcement agencies are sufficiently collecting data on violence against American Indian and Alaskan Native individuals in the State. The report must contain any policy recommendations for (1) improving data collection methods; (2) improving coordination with federal law enforcement agencies; and (3) raising public awareness of violence experienced by American Indian and Alaskan Native individuals (particularly women and girls).

**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.

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### **Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Department of State Police; Department of Legislative Services

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## Appendix – Official Commemorative Days and Months in Maryland

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Asian Lunar New Year Day <sup>1</sup>	January/February
Maryland Holocaust Remembrance Day	January 27
Black History Month	February
Irish-American Heritage Month	March
Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day <sup>2</sup>	March
Women’s History Month	March
6888 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup>	April 13
National Healthcare Decisions Day	April 16
Maryland Centenarians Day <sup>4</sup>	May
Negro Baseball League Day <sup>5</sup>	May
Law Day U.S.A.	May 1
Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Workers Day <sup>6</sup>	June
Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week <sup>7</sup>	June
Maryland Charter Day	June 20
Thurgood Marshall Day	July 2
Caribbean Heritage Month	August
Hispanic Heritage Month <sup>8</sup>	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

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

<sup>2</sup>Commemorated on the fourth Thursday in March.

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

<sup>4</sup>Commemorated on the second Thursday in May.

<sup>5</sup>Commemorated on the second Saturday in May.

<sup>6</sup>Commemorated on the first Sunday in June.

<sup>7</sup>Commemorated during the second week in June.

<sup>8</sup>Commemorated from September 15 to October 15.

Source: Department of Legislative Services

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