

Special Observances

The General Assembly has authorized the Governor to proclaim special "Days" as follows:

Martin Luther King Day (Ch. 265, 1972)	January 15
Republic of Lithuania Day (Res. No. 8, 1935)	February 16
Arbor Day (Res. No. 7, 1894)	One day in April
John Hanson Day (Ch. 54, 1973)	April 13
Law Day, U. S. A. (Ch. 115, 1962)	May 1
National Anthem Day (Res. No. 11, 1964)	September 14
Constitution Day (Res. No. 8, 1951)	September 17
General Pulaski Memorial Day (Res. No. 5, 1931)	October 11
Poetry Day (Ch. 19, 1951)	October 15
Republic of Czechoslovakia Day (Res. No. 3, 1935)	October 28

Frederick County Only

Repudiation Day: After twelve o'clock noon, November 23 is a legal bank half-holiday (Acts 1894, chap. 510).

POET LAUREATE OF MARYLAND

By Chapter 178, Acts of 1959, the Governor was authorized to appoint a citizen of Maryland as Poet Laureate of Maryland. Under the provisions of this Chapter, the Governor appointed Vincent Godfrey Burns (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., 1972 Supp., Art. 41, sec. 77A).

MARYLAND SPORT

By Chapter 134, Acts of 1962, the age old equestrian sport of Jousting was proclaimed as the official sport of the State of Maryland (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, sec. 79A).

STATE DOG

By Chapter 156, Acts of 1964, the Chesapeake Bay Retriever was declared to be the official Dog of Maryland (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, sec. 77B).

STATE FISH

By Chapter 513, Acts of 1965, the striped bass or rockfish (*Roccus saxatilis*) was designated as the official fish of the State of Maryland (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, sec. 71A).

STATE BIRD

The Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) is the official Maryland Bird, designated by the General Assembly (Chapter 54, Acts of 1947). Special provisions have been made for its protection (Chapter 154, Acts of 1882) (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, sec. 77).

STATE FLOWER

The Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*) is the official Maryland Flower, designated by the General Assembly (Chapter 458, Acts of 1918). A yellow daisy, or coneflower it blooms in late summer (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, sec. 75).

STATE INSECT

The Baltimore Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphdryas phaeton*) was declared to be the official arthropodic emblem of the State of Maryland by the General Assembly by Chapter 253, Acts of 1973 (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., 1973 Supp., Art. 41, sec. 77C).