

There already is wide-spread interest in the State of Maryland as may be witnessed by the fact that between 500 and 600 people belong to the Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquities. It is an active organization, having as its main objective the preservation of old homes and furnishings that are an important part of the Maryland heritage. This group works very closely with the Maryland Historical Society.

The funds of the Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquities are very limited and have been spent on a relatively few projects. There is need therefore for some type of governmental assistance in the proper care, preservation and marking of Maryland's antiquities.

One possibility is that the State establish a quasi-public corporation which would be self-perpetuating to act as a holding corporation for historic properties that are obtained by the State and to hold such properties as shrines for the use and benefit of all our people. Such a State agency would very likely encourage the owners of historic properties to convey them to the State or to this holding corporation in the knowledge that they would be properly cared for and treated with the veneration and respect so desirable. Accordingly, it is the hope of the General Assembly that possibilities for the care of historic places and shrines should be explored in order to determine the State's future policy in this vital matter; now, therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor of Maryland be requested to appoint a special Commission to study possibilities for the Preservation of Antiquities in Maryland; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this Committee when appointed be requested to meet and organize promptly and to consider all possibilities for this laudable purpose, including the possibility of creating a quasi-public corporation to act as a holding agency for old homes, furnishings, buildings, monuments and sites in Maryland; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Commission when appointed be requested to meet and organize promptly and to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and to the General Assembly.

Approved March 24, 1959.

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NO. 8

(House Joint Resolution 2)

House Joint Resolution declaring October 16, 1959, Augustine Herman Day.

WHEREAS, the Augustine Herman Czech American Historical Society has been organized in the City of Baltimore, State of Mary-

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EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*  
 [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
 CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.