

the 12th day of October, known as "Columbus Day"; the 25th day of December, called "Christmas Day"; and all days of general and congressional elections throughout the State.

All special days that may be appointed or recommended by the Governor of this State or the President of the United States as the days of thanksgiving, fasting and prayer or other religious observance, or for the general cessation of business.

Sundays.

Whenever any one of the above days falls on Sunday, the holiday is observed on the following Monday.

DEFENDERS' DAY.

September 12th, known as "Defenders' Day," is a legal holiday, in memory of the successful resistance of British invasion of Baltimore in 1814, when General Ross and Admiral Cockburn landed a large force on North Point at the mouth of the Patapsco, and being defeated then opened the unsuccessful bombardment of Fort McHenry the next day, which inspired the writing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," by Francis Scott Key.

ARMISTICE DAY.

November 11 declared a legal holiday annually by proclamation of the Governor.

SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAYS.

Saturday half-holiday laws are in force in the following places:

In the city of Annapolis, by Act of 1894, Chapter 167.

In the city of Baltimore, by Act of 1898, Chapter 198.

In Baltimore county, by Act of 1898, Chapter 152.

In Harford county, by Act of 1898, Chapter 154.

In Montgomery county, by Act of 1898, Chapter 366.

In Cecil county, by Act of 1900, Chapter 87.

In Ellicott City, by Act of 1902, Chapter 151.

In the city of Westminster, by Act of 1902, Chapter 443.

ARBOR DAY.

By resolution of the General Assembly of 1894, the Governor is authorized to designate by proclamation one day in April, annually, for tree planting, to be known as "Arbor and Highway Day."