

LEGAL HOLIDAYS

FIXED HOLIDAYS

- January 1 (New Year's Day), Chapter 70, Acts of 1862.
- January 15 (Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday), Chapter 440, Acts of 1974.
- February 12 (Lincoln's Birthday), Chapter 729, Acts of 1947.
- Third Monday in February (Washington's Birthday), Chapter 206, Acts of 1969.
- March 25 (Maryland Day), Chapter 633, Acts of 1916.
- May 30 (Memorial Day), Chapter 589, Acts of 1974.
- July 4 (Independence Day), Chapter 70, Acts of 1862.
- September 12 (Defenders' Day), Chapter 181, Acts of 1908.
- October 12 (Columbus Day), Chapter 711, Acts of 1974.
- November 11 (Armistice Day), Chapter 239, Acts of 1927.
- November 11 (Veterans' Day), Chapter 589, Acts of 1974.
- December 25 (Christmas Day), Chapter 70, Acts of 1862.

Should a date listed above fall on a Sunday, the holiday is observed on the following Monday (Chapter 23, Acts of 1882). If the date should occur on Saturday, the Friday immediately preceding shall be deemed and treated as a holiday (Chapter 359, Acts of 1970; Code 1957, Art. 100, sec. 77).

MOVABLE HOLIDAYS

- The Friday before Easter Sunday (Good Friday), Chapter 23, Acts of 1882.
- The first Monday in September (Labor Day), Chapter 633, Acts of 1916.
- The fourth Thursday in November (Thanksgiving Day), Chapter 238, Acts of 1890.
- All days of general and congressional Elections, Chapter 23, Acts of 1882.

Days of public thanksgiving, fasting, prayer, or other religious observance proclaimed by the Governor (Chapter 70, Acts of 1862) or by the President of the United States (Chapter 23, Acts of 1882).

The Governor may declare bank holidays in case of an emergency resulting from fire, flood, storms,

snow, robbery, riot, or other causes (Chapter 243, Acts of 1966).

PUBLIC SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- Primary and general election days.
- The Friday before Easter through the Monday after Easter.
- Memorial Day.
- Thanksgiving Day and the day after.
- Christmas Eve through January 1.

If federal and State observances of a holiday are on different days, each county board of education shall determine which date shall be observed for public schools within the county (Chapter 481, Acts of 1979; Code Education Article, sec. 7-103).

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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

- February 16 (Republic of Lithuania Day), Res. no. 8, Acts of 1935.
- One day in April (Arbor Day), Res. no. 7, Acts of 1884.
- April 13 (John Hanson Day), Chapter 54, Acts of 1973.
- May 1 (Law Day, U.S.A.), Chapter 115, Acts of 1962.
- September 14 (National Anthem Day), Res. no. 11, Acts of 1964.
- September 17 (Constitution Day), Res. no. 8, Acts of 1951.
- October 11 (General Pulaski Memorial Day), Res. no. 5, Acts of 1931.
- October 15 (Poetry Day), Chapter 19, Acts of 1951.
- October 28 (Republic of Czechoslovakia Day), Res. no. 3, Acts of 1935.

Frederick County Only

Repudiation Day: After twelve o'clock noon, November 23, is a legal bank half-holiday (Chapter 510, Acts of 1894). The holiday commemorates the date in 1765 when the Frederick County justices reopened the county court in defiance of the Stamp Act.