

Issue proclamation. *Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor of this state be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue a proclamation annually, designating a day in April for the planting of forest trees, to be known as "Arbor day," and recommending that the day be devoted by the people of the state to that purpose, and especially recommending to parents and to teachers in public schools, that they encourage their children, or those under their influence, to plant or transplant at least one forest shade-tree on that day by the side of a public road, or about their school-houses or homes; with such other practical suggestions on the subject as he may deem expedient, and in furtherance of the object of these resolutions.

Arbor day.

Effective. *And be it resolved,* That this resolution take effect immediately.

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### No. 8.

Joint resolutions of the General Assembly of Maryland to Congress in relation to proposed Indian policy.

Preamble. **WHEREAS,** believing that civilization offers to the Indians the single alternative of gradual absorption or extermination, and that before they can be absorbed in the general population they must be carefully prepared for assimilation and citizenship, and profoundly impressed with the conviction that this result can only be accomplished by the federal government adopting such a policy as will do justice to the Indian and honor to the country, to be followed by appropriate current legislation to enforce the same; therefore—

Platform of principles. *Resolved,* That Congress be, and it is hereby requested to pass resolutions solemnly pledging the faith of the nation to the Indian policy embodied in the following

#### PLATFORM OF PRINCIPLES.

*Good Faith*—Never break faith with the Indians.