

known as "Lincoln's Birthday"; the third Monday in February, known as "Washington's Birthday"; the 25th day of March, known as "Maryland Day"; "Good Friday"; the first Monday in September, commonly called "Labor Day"; the last Monday in May, commonly called "Memorial Day"; the 4th day of July, called "Independence Day"; the 12th day of September, known as "Defenders' Day"; the second Monday in October, known as "Columbus Day"; the fourth Monday in October, known as "Veterans' Day"; the fourth Thursday in November, known as "Thanksgiving Day"; the 25th day of December, called "Christmas Day"; and all days of general and congressional elections throughout the State and all special days that may be appointed or recommended by the State and all special days that may be appointed or recommended by the Governor of this State, or the President of the United States, as days of thanksgiving or fasting and prayer, or other religious observance or for the general cessation of business, shall be regarded as legal holidays, and shall be duly observed as such, and shall for all purposes whatsoever as regards the presenting for payment or acceptance and of the protesting and giving notice of dishonor of bills of exchange, bank checks, drafts and promissory notes, to be treated and considered as the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, and all such bills, drafts, checks, and notes presented for payment or acceptance on these said days, shall be deemed to be presented for acceptance or payment on the secular or business day next succeeding such holiday. **THE THIRD SUNDAY IN JANUARY OF EACH AND EVERY YEAR SHALL BE KNOWN AS "MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY" AND SHALL BE A DAY OF PRAYER IN HONOR OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.** The Governor of this State shall have the power by proclamation to appoint a day or days for the general cessation of business in any one or more of the political subdivisions of the State, in case of emergency from fire, flood or otherwise, with the same legal consequences as hereinabove provided. In case of emergency from fire, flood, storm, snow or other cause in any part of the State, the Governor shall have the further power by proclamation to appoint a day or days during which banking institutions (as defined in Article 11 of the Annotated Code of Maryland) within the area or areas designated in the proclamation may remain closed, in which case the appointed day or days shall be treated and considered as the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, with the same legal consequences as hereinabove provided.

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Whenever the 1st day of January, ~~the 15th day of January,~~ the 12th day of February, the 25th day of March, the 4th day of July, the 12th day of September, or the 25th day of December shall [either of them] occur on Sunday, the Monday next following shall be deemed and treated as a public holiday for all or any of the purposes aforesaid; provided, however, that in such case all bills of exchange, bank checks, drafts and promissory notes which would otherwise be presentable for acceptance or for payment on either of the Mondays so observed as a holiday, shall be deemed to be presentable for acceptance or for payment on the secular or business day next succeeding such Monday, and such Mondays, so observed for all purposes whatever as regards the presenting for payment and acceptance and of the protesting and giving notice of the dishonor of bills of exchange, bank checks, drafts and promissory notes be also treated and considered as is the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday.