

accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 89.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

Senate Bill No. 89

AN ACT concerning

State Government - Commemorative Days - Asian Lunar New Year Day

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to annually proclaim a certain day as Asian Lunar New Year Day; and generally relating to commemorative days.

BY adding to

Article - State Government
Section 13-405
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Dating from 2600 B.C., the Asian lunar calendar is the oldest calendar on earth and the longest chronological record in history; and

WHEREAS, The new year on the Asian lunar calendar begins at the second lunar month after the winter solstice; and

WHEREAS, The lunar new year is a time of commemoration, celebration, and deep meaning for millions of people throughout the world, including people in the United States and the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The lunar new year is of particular significance to countless Americans, especially numerous Asian Americans, including those of Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese descent now living in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The many individuals who celebrate the lunar new year have greatly enriched the nation and the State of Maryland; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Government

13-405.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE MANY MARYLANDERS FOR WHOM THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLDS SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE, THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM THE DAY DESIGNATED AS NEW YEAR ON THE ASIAN LUNAR CALENDAR AS ASIAN LUNAR NEW YEAR DAY.