

American Heritage Day to pay tribute to Native Americans for their many contributions to the United States; and

WHEREAS, A day honoring American Indian heritage is supported by 184 federally recognized Native American tribes throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, The State should honor the rich cultural heritage, proud history, and vital contributions of American Indians by recognizing American Indian Heritage Day on the Friday after Thanksgiving Day; now, therefore,

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

Article 1 – Rules of Interpretation

27.

(a) In this Code and any rule, regulation, or directive adopted under it, "legal holiday" means:

- (1) January 1, for New Year's Day;
- (2) January 15, for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, unless the United States Congress designates another day for observance of that legal holiday, in which case, the day designated by the United States Congress;
- (3) February 12, for Lincoln's birthday;
- (4) The third Monday in February, for Washington's birthday;
- (5) March 25, for Maryland Day;
- (6) Good Friday;
- (7) May 30, for Memorial Day, unless the United States Congress designates another day for observance of that legal holiday, in which case, the day designated by the United States Congress;
- (8) July 4, for Independence Day;
- (9) The first Monday in September, for Labor Day;
- (10) September 12, for Defenders' Day;