

1 **ENROLLED**

2 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

3 FOR

4 **H. B. 4493**

5 (By Delegates Ashley, Anderson, Iaquina, White,

6 Azinger, Armstead, Paxton, Boggs and Pasdon)

7 [Passed February 29, 2012 ; in effect 90 days from passage.]

8
9 AN ACT to amend and reenact §2-2-1a of the Code of West Virginia,
10 1931, as amended, relating to establishing special memorial
11 observances for military veterans; observing the week in which
12 December 7 falls as a special memorial week to be known as Pearl
13 Harbor and Military Appreciation Week; directing the State
14 Department of Education to implement a program involving students
15 which recognizes the contributions made by West Virginians in the
16 United States military; declaring March 30 as a special memorial
17 day to be known as Vietnam Veteran Recognition Day; declaring
18 August 7 as a special memorial day to be known as Purple Heart
19 Recognition Day; and declaring July 27 as a special memorial day to
20 be known as Korean War Veteran Recognition Day.

21 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

22 That §2-2-1a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
23 be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

24 **ARTICLE 2. LEGAL HOLIDAYS; SPECIAL MEMORIAL DAYS; CONSTRUCTION OF**

1 **STATUTES; DEFINITIONS.**

2 **§2-2-1a. Special memorial days.**

3 (a) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare the week
4 beginning with the Sunday before Thanksgiving as a special memorial
5 week to be known as Native American Indian Heritage Week.

6 (b) The first Tuesday after the first Monday of November is
7 designated Susan B. Anthony Day and shall only be a legal holiday
8 in all years ending in an even number. The Governor shall annually
9 issue a proclamation calling on all schools, civic organizations,
10 government departments and citizens to undertake activities on the
11 designated day and surrounding days to pay tribute to the
12 accomplishments of Susan B. Anthony in securing the civil and
13 political rights of all Americans, including securing equal voting
14 rights for women.

15 (c) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare the week
16 during which December 7 falls to be a special memorial week, to be
17 known as Pearl Harbor and Military Appreciation week, honoring all
18 West Virginians who fought in World War II and all other military
19 conflicts and shall encourage all municipalities in the state to do
20 the same. The State Department of Education is directed to
21 implement a program involving activities in which students shall
22 participate which shall recognize the contributions West Virginians
23 have made to their country through service in the United States
24 military.

1 (d) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare March 30 as
2 a special memorial day to be known as Vietnam Veteran Recognition
3 Day honoring all West Virginians who served in the United States
4 Armed Forces in the Republic of Vietnam during the period beginning
5 February 28, 1961 and ending May 7, 1975, and shall encourage all
6 counties and municipalities in the state to do the same.

7 (e) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare August 7 as
8 a special memorial day, to be known as Purple Heart Recognition
9 Day, honoring all West Virginians who, while serving in the United
10 States Armed Forces, have been wounded or killed in action and
11 shall encourage all municipalities and counties in the state to do
12 the same.

13 (f) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare July 27 as a
14 special memorial day to be known as Korean War Veteran Recognition
15 Day honoring all West Virginians who served in the United States
16 Armed Forces in the Korean War, and shall encourage all counties
17 and municipalities in the state to do the same.