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FOR**

House Bill No. 4493

(By Delegates Ashley, Anderson, Iaquina, White,
Azinger, Armstead, Paxton, Boggs and Pasdon)



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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

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

§2-2-1a. Special memorial days.

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

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

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

25 (d) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare March
26 30 as a special memorial day to be known as Vietnam
27 Veteran Recognition Day honoring all West Virginians who

28 served in the United States Armed Forces in the Republic of
29 Vietnam during the period beginning February 28, 1961 and
30 ending May 7, 1975, and shall encourage all counties and
31 municipalities in the state to do the same.

32 (e) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare August
33 7 as a special memorial day, to be known as Purple Heart
34 Recognition Day, honoring all West Virginians who, while
35 serving in the United States Armed Forces, have been
36 wounded or killed in action and shall encourage all
37 municipalities and counties in the state to do the same.

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

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman, House Committee

Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Clerk of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

The within _____ this the _____
day of _____, 2012.

Governor