

# 2026 SESSION

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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 858**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 13, 2026

4 *A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-3300 of the Code of Virginia, relating to legal holidays; Indigenous*  
5 *Peoples' Day.*

6 Patron—Cousins

7 Committee Referral Pending

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

9 **1. That § 2.2-3300 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

10 **§ 2.2-3300. Legal holidays.**

11 It is the policy of the Commonwealth to fix and set aside certain days in the calendar year as legal  
12 holidays for the people of Virginia. In each year, the following days are designated as legal holidays:

13 January 1 — New Year's Day.

14 The third Monday in January — Martin Luther King, Jr., Day to honor Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
15 (1929-1968), defender of causes.

16 The third Monday in February — George Washington Day to honor George Washington (1732-1799), the  
17 first President of the United States.

18 The last Monday in May — Memorial Day to honor all persons who made the supreme sacrifice in giving  
19 their lives in defense of Virginia and the United States in the following wars and engagements and otherwise:  
20 Indian Uprising (1622), French and Indian Wars (1754-1763), Revolutionary War (1775-1783), War of 1812  
21 (1812-1815), Mexican War (1846-1848), Civil War (1861-1865), Spanish-American War (1898), World War  
22 I (1917-1918), World War II (1941-1945), Korean War (1950-1953), Vietnam War (1965-1973), Operation  
23 Desert Shield-Desert Storm (1990-1991), Global War on Terrorism (2000- ), Operation Enduring Freedom  
24 (2001- ), and Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003- ). On this day all flags, national, state, and local, shall be flown  
25 at half-staff or half-mast to honor and acknowledge respect for those who made the supreme sacrifice.

26 June 19 — Juneteenth to commemorate the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas, the last of  
27 the former Confederate States of America to abolish slavery, and to recognize the significant roles and many  
28 contributions of African Americans to the Commonwealth and the nation.

29 July 4 — Independence Day to honor the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

30 The first Monday in September — Labor Day to honor all people who work in Virginia.

31 The second Monday in October — ~~Columbus Day~~ Indigenous Peoples' Day and Yorktown Victory Day  
32 to honor ~~Christopher Columbus (1451-1506), a discoverer of the Americas, American Indians residing in the~~  
33 ~~Commonwealth~~ and the final victory at Yorktown on October 19, 1781, in the Revolutionary War.

34 The Tuesday following the first Monday in November — Election Day for the right of citizens of a free  
35 society to exercise the right to vote.

36 November 11 — Veterans Day to honor all persons who served in the Armed Forces of Virginia and the  
37 United States in the following wars and engagements and otherwise: Indian Uprising (1622), French and  
38 Indian Wars (1754-1763), Revolutionary War (1775-1783), War of 1812 (1812-1815), Mexican War  
39 (1846-1848), Civil War (1861-1865), Spanish American War (1898), World War I (1917-1918), World War  
40 II (1941-1945), Korean War (1950-1953), Vietnam War (1965-1973), Operation Desert Shield-Desert Storm  
41 (1990-1991), Global War on Terrorism (2000- ), Operation Enduring Freedom (2001- ), and Operation Iraqi  
42 Freedom (2003- ).

43 The fourth Thursday in November and the Friday next following — Thanksgiving Day to honor and give  
44 thanks in each person's own manner for the blessings bestowed upon the people of Virginia and honoring the  
45 first Thanksgiving in 1619.

46 December 25 — Christmas Day.

47 Whenever any of such days falls on Saturday, the Friday next preceding such day, or whenever any of  
48 such days falls on Sunday, the Monday next following such day, and any day so appointed by the Governor  
49 of the Commonwealth or the President of the United States, shall be a legal holiday as to the transaction of all  
50 business.

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