

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

March 18, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. PRETLOW -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the general construction law, in relation to the designation of Abolition Commemoration day as a public holiday

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 24 of the general construction law, as amended by
2 chapter 249 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 24. Public holidays; half-holidays. The term public holiday includes
4 the following days in each year: the first day of January, known as New
5 Year's day; the third Monday of January, known as Dr. Martin Luther
6 King, Jr. day; the twelfth day of February, known as Lincoln's birthday;
7 the third Monday in February, known as Washington's birthday; the last
8 Monday in May, known as Memorial day; the second Sunday in June, known
9 as Flag day; the nineteenth day of June, known as Juneteenth; the fourth
10 day of July, known as Independence day; the second Monday in July, known
11 as Abolition Commemoration day; the first Monday in September, known as
12 Labor day; the second Monday in October, known as Columbus day; the
13 eleventh day of November, known as Veterans' day; the fourth Thursday in
14 November, known as Thanksgiving day; and the twenty-fifth day of Decem-
15 ber, known as Christmas day, and if any of such days except Flag day is
16 Sunday, the next day thereafter; each general election day, and each day
17 appointed by the president of the United States or by the governor of
18 this state as a day of general thanksgiving, general fasting and prayer,
19 or other general religious observances. The term half-holiday includes
20 the period from noon to midnight of each Saturday which is not a public
21 holiday.

22 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
23 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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