STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 26, 2023

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

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

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

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

§ 24. Public holidays; half-holidays. The term public holiday includes the following days in each year: the first day of January, known as New Year's day; the third Monday of January, known as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. day; the twelfth day of February, known as Lincoln's birthday; the third Monday in February, known as Washington's birthday; the last Monday in May, known as Memorial day; the second Sunday in June, known as Flag day; the nineteenth day of June, known as Juneteenth; the fourth day of July, known as Independence day; the first Monday in September, known as Labor day; the second Monday in October, known as Columbus day; the eleventh day of November, known as Veterans' day; the fourth Thursday in November, known as Thanksgiving day; and the twenty-fifth day of December, known as Christmas day, **the period of time beginning the twenty-sixth day of December and ending the first day of January, known as Kwanzaa,** and if any of such days except Flag day is Sunday, the next day thereafter; each general election day, and each day appointed by the president of the United States or by the governor of this state as a day of general thanksgiving, general fasting and prayer, or other general religious observances. The term half-holiday includes the period from noon to midnight of each Saturday which is not a public holiday.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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