

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the general construction law, in relation to declaring  
Asian Lunar New Year a public holiday

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-  
bly, 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 first day of the second lunar month after the winter  
7 solstice in the preceding calendar year, known as Asian Lunar New Year;  
8 the twelfth day of February, known as Lincoln's birthday; the third  
9 Monday in February, known as Washington's birthday; the last Monday in  
10 May, known as Memorial day; the second Sunday in June, known as Flag  
11 day; the nineteenth day of June, known as Juneteenth; the fourth day of  
12 July, known as Independence day; the first Monday in September, known as  
13 Labor day; the second Monday in October, known as Columbus day; the  
14 eleventh day of November, known as Veterans' day; the fourth Thursday in  
15 November, known as Thanksgiving day; and the twenty-fifth day of Decem-  
16 ber, known as Christmas day, and if any of such days except Flag day is  
17 Sunday, the next day thereafter; each general election day, and each day  
18 appointed by the president of the United States or by the governor of  
19 this state as a day of general thanksgiving, general fasting and prayer,  
20 or other general religious observances. The term half-holiday includes  
21 the period from noon to midnight of each Saturday which is not a public  
22 holiday.  
23 § 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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