

1 **ENROLLED**

2 **H. B. 4135**

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4 (By Delegates P. Smith, Perry, Pino, Walker,
5 Young, Lynch, Hamilton, Hartman and Kinsey)

6 [Passed March 7, 2014; in effect ninety days from passage.]
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10 AN ACT to amend and reenact §2-2-1a of the Code of West Virginia,
11 1931, as amended, relating to designating the first Thursday
12 in May the West Virginia Day of Prayer.

13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

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

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

18 **§2-2-1a. Special memorial days.**

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

22 (b) The first Tuesday after the first Monday of November is
23 designated Susan B. Anthony Day and shall only be a legal holiday
24 in all years ending in an even number. The Governor shall annually

1 issue a proclamation calling on all schools, civic organizations,
2 government departments and citizens to undertake activities on the
3 designated day and surrounding days to pay tribute to the
4 accomplishments of Susan B. Anthony in securing the civil and
5 political rights of all Americans, including securing equal voting
6 rights for women.

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

17 (d) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare March 30 as
18 a special memorial day to be known as Vietnam Veteran Recognition
19 Day honoring all West Virginians who served in the United States
20 Armed Forces in the Republic of Vietnam during the period beginning
21 February 28, 1961 and ending May 7, 1975, and shall encourage all
22 counties and municipalities in the state to do the same.

23 (e) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare August 7 as
24 a special memorial day, to be known as Purple Heart Recognition

1 Day, honoring all West Virginians who, while serving in the United
2 States Armed Forces, have been wounded or killed in action and
3 shall encourage all municipalities and counties in the state to do
4 the same.

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

10 (g) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare the first
11 Thursday in May as the West Virginia Day of Prayer. The West
12 Virginia Day of Prayer corresponds with the National Day of Prayer,
13 36 U.S.C. §119, on which the people of West Virginia may turn to
14 God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as
15 individuals.