

WHEREAS, Upon gaining her freedom, Harriet Tubman initially settled in Philadelphia where she met William Still, the Philadelphia Stationmaster of the "Underground Railroad" who along with the Philadelphia Anti-Slavery Society introduced Harriet Tubman to the inner workings of the "Underground Railroad"; and

WHEREAS, In 1850, Harriet Tubman became a conductor on the "Underground Railroad" and eventually became the most influential of all the conductors by returning to the South nineteen times through the "Underground Railroad", freeing 300 slaves; and

WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman claims "she never ran her train off the track and never lost a passenger," thereby gaining the title "Black Moses of Her People"; and

WHEREAS, In 1851, Harriet Tubman relocated members of her family to North Street in St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada, which became her headquarters for the "Underground Railroad" until 1857; and

WHEREAS, When the Civil War began, Harriet Tubman worked as a cook in the Union Army in South Carolina and served as a nurse, a scout for raiding parties, and a spy behind confederate lines; and

WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman is an inspiration to many people, and her dedication and commitment to the numerous slaves held in bondage have proven her to be the epitome of true leadership; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General Assembly of Maryland recognizes the contributions of Harriet Tubman and designates March 10th to be "Harriet Tubman Day"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Benjamin L. Cardin, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Signed May 18, 2000.

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