

1 State of Arkansas  
2 82nd General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1487

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5 By: Representative W. Walker  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO DECLARE DECEMBER 19 OF EACH YEAR AS  
10 'AFRICAN-AMERICAN DAY' IN ARKANSAS TO RECOGNIZE THE  
11 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY  
12 AFRICAN-AMERICANS TO THE UNITED STATES; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES. "

## Subtitle

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16 "TO DECLARE DECEMBER 19 OF EACH YEAR AS  
17 'AFRICAN-AMERICAN DAY' IN ARKANSAS. "

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20 WHEREAS, December 19 has a special significance as the birthday of  
21 Carter G. Woodson, who is known as the father of Black history; and

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23 WHEREAS, this act honors the major role that African-Americans have  
24 played in the development of this nation; and

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26 WHEREAS, this act recognizes the monumental achievements and invaluable  
27 contributions made by African-Americans that have led to America's preeminence  
28 in the fields of science, technology, medicine, government, politics,  
29 economics, architecture, literature, media, and visual and performing arts;  
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32 WHEREAS, this act commends the organizations throughout the United  
33 States that honor African heritage, tradition, and culture, representing  
34 Americans of African descent, residing in every state including Arkansas,

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36 NOW THEREFORE,

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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3 SECTION 1. December 19 of each year is designated "African-American  
4 Day" in Arkansas.

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6 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
7 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
8 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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10 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
11 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
12 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
13 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
14 act are declared to be severable.

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16 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
17 hereby repealed.