2020 SESSION

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1	SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 211
2	Offered February 28, 2020
3	Designating June 29, in 2020 and in each succeeding year, as Virginia Day.
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6 7	Unanimous consent to introduce
8	Referred to Committee on Rules
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10	WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia holds a unique place of distinction in the history of the
11	United States and in the struggle for human rights, civil liberties, representative democracy, and
12	self-determination; and
13	WHEREAS, Virginia is blessed with majestic natural wonders, precious historic resources, exquisite
14	cultural treasures, premier educational institutions, and unbounded economic opportunity; and
15	WHEREAS, over the centuries, Virginia has gifted humanity some of the finest minds, noblest
16 17	heroes, and greatest leaders the world has ever known; and
17 18	WHEREAS, it is proper and fitting that there be established an annual observance for the people of Virginia to unite in a spirit of fellowship for the purpose of honoring our beloved Commonwealth and
19	her magnificent bounty; and
20	WHEREAS, this special occasion should be celebrated in every corner of the Commonwealth with
21	fanfare and festivity, with triumph and jubilation, to inspire a sense of pride, patriotism, and goodwill
22	among all Virginians; and
23	WHEREAS, on June 29, 1776, the Constitution of Virginia was adopted unanimously at the Fifth
24	Virginia Revolutionary Convention, which formally dissolved all allegiances and political connection to
25	Great Britain; and
26 27	WHEREAS, annually on June 29, the government of Virginia officially commemorates a new year of
21 28	the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly designate
29	June 29, in 2020 and in each succeeding year, as Virginia Day; and, be it
30	RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the
31	Department of Political Science at Virginia Commonwealth University so that its faculty, students, and
32	alumni may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it
33	RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the Senate post the designation of this day on the General
34	Assembly's website.