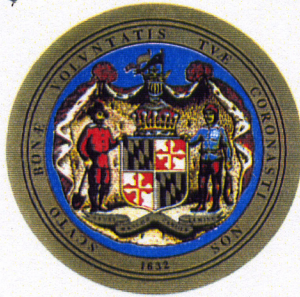


# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**JOHN GLENDY SPROSTON DAY**  
**OCTOBER 18, 1996**

WHEREAS, John Glendy Sproston was born in the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland in 1828... and, after training at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, distinguished himself as a Naval officer in both the Atlantic and the Pacific, including service in the Mexican war and with Commodore Matthew Perry's historic expedition to Formosa, Okinawa, and Japan in 1854; and

WHEREAS, John Glendy Sproston was killed in action in the Civil War in 1862 while executive officer of the U. S. Gunboat Seneca of the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron... and the United States Navy subsequently named two combat vessels in his honor; and

WHEREAS, The second USS Sproston (DD/DDE 577) distinguished itself in history's greatest naval war in the same waters near Japan and Okinawa where John Glendy Sproston had sailed ninety years earlier; and

WHEREAS, The surviving crewman of the second USS Sproston have gathered this week for their annual reunion in this State where John Glendy Sproston was born and where he now lies at rest.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PARRIS N. GLENDENING, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim October 18, 1996 as JOHN GLENDY SPROSTON DAY in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 18th day of October

One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-six

Parris N. Glending  
Governor

John J. Willis  
Secretary of State