

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5678**

52nd Legislature  
1991 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate April 22, 1991  
Yeas 45 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 15, 1991  
Yeas 88 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Gordon Golob, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5678** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**



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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senators Thorsness, Madsen, Rasmussen, Hayner, Newhouse, Erwin, A. Smith, L. Kreidler, Williams, Saling, Cantu, Sutherland, Owen, Johnson and Oke.

Read first time February 14, 1991. Referred to Committee on Governmental Operations.

1 AN ACT Relating to a day of commemoration for the national guard;  
2 amending RCW 1.16.050; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the  
5 Washington army and air national guard comprise almost nine thousand  
6 dedicated men and women who serve the state and nation on a voluntary  
7 basis. The legislature also finds that the state of Washington  
8 benefits from that dedication by immediate access to well-prepared  
9 resources in time of natural disasters and public emergency. The  
10 national guard has consistently and frequently responded to state and  
11 local emergencies with people and equipment to provide enforcement  
12 assistance, medical services, and overall support to emergency  
13 management services.

14 The legislature further declares that an annual day of  
15 commemoration should be observed in honor of the achievements,

1 sacrifices, and dedication of the men and women of the Washington army  
2 and air national guard.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 1.16.050 and 1989 c 128 s 1 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 The following are legal holidays: Sunday; the first day of  
6 January, commonly called New Year's Day; the third Monday of January,  
7 being celebrated as the anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther King,  
8 Jr.; the third Monday of February to be known as Presidents' Day and to  
9 be celebrated as the anniversary of the births of Abraham Lincoln and  
10 George Washington; the last Monday of May, commonly known as Memorial  
11 Day; the fourth day of July, being the anniversary of the Declaration  
12 of Independence; the first Monday in September, to be known as Labor  
13 Day; the eleventh day of November, to be known as Veterans' Day; the  
14 fourth Thursday in November, to be known as Thanksgiving Day; the day  
15 immediately following Thanksgiving Day; and the twenty-fifth day of  
16 December, commonly called Christmas Day.

17 Employees of the state and its political subdivisions, except  
18 employees of school districts and except those nonclassified employees  
19 of institutions of higher education who hold appointments or are  
20 employed under contracts to perform services for periods of less than  
21 twelve consecutive months, shall be entitled to one paid holiday per  
22 calendar year in addition to those specified in this section. Each  
23 employee of the state or its political subdivisions may select the day  
24 on which the employee desires to take the additional holiday provided  
25 for herein after consultation with the employer pursuant to guidelines  
26 to be promulgated by rule of the appropriate personnel authority, or in  
27 the case of local government by ordinance or resolution of the  
28 legislative authority.

1        If any of the above specified state legal holidays are also federal  
2 legal holidays but observed on different dates, only the state legal  
3 holidays shall be recognized as a paid legal holiday for employees of  
4 the state and its political subdivisions except that for port districts  
5 and the law enforcement and public transit employees of municipal  
6 corporations, either the federal or the state legal holiday, but in no  
7 case both, may be recognized as a paid legal holiday for employees.

8        Whenever any legal holiday, other than Sunday, falls upon a Sunday,  
9 the following Monday shall be the legal holiday.

10       Whenever any legal holiday falls upon a Saturday, the preceding  
11 Friday shall be the legal holiday.

12       Nothing in this section shall be construed to have the effect of  
13 adding or deleting the number of paid holidays provided for in an  
14 agreement between employees and employers of political subdivisions of  
15 the state or as established by ordinance or resolution of the local  
16 government legislative authority.

17       The legislature declares that the twelfth day of October shall be  
18 recognized as Columbus Day but shall not be considered a legal holiday  
19 for any purposes.

20       The legislature declares that the ninth day of April shall be  
21 recognized as former prisoner of war recognition day but shall not be  
22 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

23       The legislature declares that the twenty-sixth day of January shall  
24 be recognized as Washington army and air national guard day but shall  
25 not be considered a legal holiday for any purposes.