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1 AN ACT Relating to the designation of the thirteenth day of January
2 of each year as Korean-American day; amending RCW 1.16.050 and
3 43.117.070; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that in the more than
6 one hundred years that Koreans have immigrated to the United States,
7 these immigrants and their descendants have made an invaluable
8 contribution to our state and nation. Korean-Americans have worked for
9 many years to better not only their community, but the communities in
10 which they live and the state as a whole. The legislature further
11 finds that due to the close friendship between the people of Korea and
12 the United States, it is fitting to recognize Korean-American
13 contributions to our society in a dignified and fitting manner, and to
14 encourage Korean-Americans to honor the sacrifices made by American
15 citizens during the Korean War.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 1.16.050 and 2003 c 68 s 2 are each amended to read as
17 follows:

18 The following are legal holidays: Sunday; the first day of

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

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

24 If any of the above specified state legal holidays are also federal
25 legal holidays but observed on different dates, only the state legal
26 holidays shall be recognized as a paid legal holiday for employees of
27 the state and its political subdivisions except that for port districts
28 and the law enforcement and public transit employees of municipal
29 corporations, either the federal or the state legal holiday, but in no
30 case both, may be recognized as a paid legal holiday for employees.

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

33 Whenever any legal holiday falls upon a Saturday, the preceding
34 Friday shall be the legal holiday.

35 Nothing in this section shall be construed to have the effect of
36 adding or deleting the number of paid holidays provided for in an
37 agreement between employees and employers of political subdivisions of

1 the state or as established by ordinance or resolution of the local
2 government legislative authority.

3 The legislature declares that the thirteenth day of January shall
4 be recognized as Korean-American Day but shall not be considered a
5 legal holiday for any purposes.

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

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

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

15 The legislature declares that the seventh day of August shall be
16 recognized as purple heart recipient recognition day but shall not be
17 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

18 The legislature declares that the second Sunday in October be
19 recognized as Washington state children's day but shall not be
20 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

21 The legislature declares that the sixteenth day of April shall be
22 recognized as Mother Joseph day and the fourth day of September as
23 Marcus Whitman day, but neither shall be considered legal holidays for
24 any purpose.

25 The legislature declares that the seventh day of December be
26 recognized as Pearl Harbor remembrance day but shall not be considered
27 a legal holiday for any purpose.

28 The legislature declares that the nineteenth day of February be
29 recognized as civil liberties day of remembrance but shall not be
30 considered a legal holiday for any purpose.

31 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.117.070 and 2000 c 236 s 3 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

33 (1) The commission shall examine and define issues pertaining to
34 the rights and needs of Asian Pacific Americans, and make
35 recommendations to the governor and state agencies with respect to
36 desirable changes in program and law.

1 (2) The commission shall advise such state government agencies on
2 the development and implementation of comprehensive and coordinated
3 policies, plans, and programs focusing on the special problems and
4 needs of Asian Pacific Americans.

5 (3) The commission shall coordinate and assist with statewide
6 celebrations during the fourth week of Asian Pacific American Heritage
7 Month that recognize the contributions to the state by Asian Pacific
8 Americans in the arts, sciences, commerce, and education.

9 (4) The commission shall coordinate and assist educational
10 institutions, public entities, and private organizations with
11 celebrations of Korean-American day that recognize the contributions to
12 the state by Korean-Americans in the arts, sciences, commerce, and
13 education.

14 (5) Each state department and agency shall provide appropriate and
15 reasonable assistance to the commission as needed in order that the
16 commission may carry out the purposes of this chapter.

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