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1 AN ACT Relating to recognizing a welcome home Vietnam veterans day;  
2 and amending RCW 1.16.050 and 1.20.017.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 1.16.050 and 2012 c 11 s 1 are each amended to read as  
5 follows:

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

18 Employees of the state and its political subdivisions, except  
19 employees of school districts and except those nonclassified employees

1 of institutions of higher education who hold appointments or are  
2 employed under contracts to perform services for periods of less than  
3 twelve consecutive months, shall be entitled to one paid holiday per  
4 calendar year in addition to those specified in this section. Each  
5 employee of the state or its political subdivisions may select the day  
6 on which the employee desires to take the additional holiday provided  
7 for herein after consultation with the employer pursuant to guidelines  
8 to be promulgated by rule of the appropriate personnel authority, or in  
9 the case of local government by ordinance or resolution of the  
10 legislative authority.

11 If any of the above specified state legal holidays are also federal  
12 legal holidays but observed on different dates, only the state legal  
13 holidays shall be recognized as a paid legal holiday for employees of  
14 the state and its political subdivisions except that for port districts  
15 and the law enforcement and public transit employees of municipal  
16 corporations, either the federal or the state legal holiday, but in no  
17 case both, may be recognized as a paid legal holiday for employees.

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

20 Whenever any legal holiday falls upon a Saturday, the preceding  
21 Friday shall be the legal holiday.

22 Nothing in this section shall be construed to have the effect of  
23 adding or deleting the number of paid holidays provided for in an  
24 agreement between employees and employers of political subdivisions of  
25 the state or as established by ordinance or resolution of the local  
26 government legislative authority.

27 The legislature declares that the thirteenth day of January shall  
28 be recognized as Korean-American day but shall not be considered a  
29 legal holiday for any purposes.

30 The legislature declares that the twelfth day of October shall be  
31 recognized as Columbus day but shall not be considered a legal holiday  
32 for any purposes.

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

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

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

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

7 The legislature declares that the sixteenth day of April shall be  
8 recognized as Mother Joseph day and the fourth day of September as  
9 Marcus Whitman day, but neither shall be considered legal holidays for  
10 any purpose.

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

14 The legislature declares that the twenty-seventh day of July be  
15 recognized as national Korean war veterans armistice day but shall not  
16 be considered a legal holiday for any purpose.

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

20 The legislature declares that the nineteenth day of June be  
21 recognized as Juneteenth, a day of remembrance for the day the slaves  
22 learned of their freedom, but shall not be considered a legal holiday  
23 for any purpose.

24 The legislature declares that the thirtieth day of March be  
25 recognized as welcome home Vietnam veterans day but shall not be  
26 considered a legal holiday for any purpose.

27 **Sec. 2.** RCW 1.20.017 and 2012 c 11 s 2 are each amended to read as  
28 follows:

29 (1) Each public entity shall display the national league of  
30 families' POW/MIA flag along with the flag of the United States and the  
31 flag of the state upon or near the principal building of the public  
32 entity on the following days: (a) Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day on  
33 March 30; (b) Armed Forces Day on the third Saturday in May; (~~(b)~~)  
34 (c) Memorial Day on the last Monday in May; (~~(c)~~) (d) Flag Day on  
35 June 14; (~~(d)~~) (e) Independence Day on July 4; (~~(e)~~) (f) National  
36 Korean War Veterans Armistice Day on July 27; (~~(f)~~) (g) National  
37 POW/MIA Recognition Day on the third Friday in September; and (~~(g)~~)

1 (h) Veterans' Day on November 11. If the designated day falls on a  
2 Saturday or Sunday, then the POW/MIA flag will be displayed on the  
3 preceding Friday.

4 (2) The governor's veterans affairs advisory committee shall  
5 provide information to public entities regarding the purchase and  
6 display of the POW/MIA flag upon request.

7 (3) As used in this section, "public entity" means every state  
8 agency, including each institution of higher education, and every  
9 county, city, and town.

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