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1            AN ACT Relating to recognizing "Statehood Day"; amending RCW  
2 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 recognizes that Washington  
5 became a separate territory from Oregon on March 2, 1853. On February  
6 22, 1889, congress passed the enabling act for Washington state, and a  
7 constitutional convention was held in Olympia in July, 1889. On  
8 October 1, 1889, territory residents voted to approve the constitution,  
9 and on November 11, 1889, President Benjamin Harrison signed the  
10 proclamation admitting Washington to the union.

11            The legislature further recognizes that Washington commemorated its  
12 25th, 50th, and 75th anniversaries of statehood in 1914, 1939, and  
13 1964, respectively. In 1989, Washington celebrated its centennial  
14 anniversary with many projects and programs throughout the state.  
15 Washington will celebrate its 125th anniversary of statehood in 2014.  
16 It is the intent of the legislature to declare November 11th as  
17 "Statehood Day" in commemoration of the date that Washington became the  
18 42nd state of the United States of America.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 1.16.050 and 2013 c 5 s 1 are each amended to read as  
2 follows:

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

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

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

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

36       Whenever any legal holiday falls upon a Saturday, the preceding  
37 Friday shall be the legal holiday.

1 Nothing in this section shall be construed to have the effect of  
2 adding or deleting the number of paid holidays provided for in an  
3 agreement between employees and employers of political subdivisions of  
4 the state or as established by ordinance or resolution of the local  
5 government legislative authority.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 The legislature declares that the nineteenth day of June be

1 recognized as Juneteenth, a day of remembrance for the day the slaves  
2 learned of their freedom, but shall not be considered a legal holiday  
3 for any purpose.

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

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