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By Senators Owen, Oke, Rasmussen, Conner, Nelson, Thorsness, Bauer and von Reichbauer.

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1 AN ACT Relating to purple heart recipient recognition day; and  
2 amending RCW 1.16.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 1.16.050 and 1989 c 128 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as 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

1 immediately following Thanksgiving Day; and the twenty-fifth day of  
2 December, commonly called Christmas Day.

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

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

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

24 Whenever any legal holiday falls upon a Saturday, the preceding  
25 Friday shall be the legal holiday.

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

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

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

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