

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2016-4662, by Representatives Chopp, Kristiansen, Appleton, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Caldier, Chandler, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, DeBolt, Dent, Dunshee, Dye, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Griffey, Haler, Hansen, Hargrove, Harmsworth, Harris, Hawkins, Hayes, Hickel, Holy, Hudgins, S. Hunt, Hurst, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kochmar, Kretz, Kuderer, Lytton, MacEwen, Magendanz, Manweller, McBride, McCabe, McCaslin, Moeller, Morris, Moscoso, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Parker, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reykdal, Riccelli, Robinson, Rodne, Rossetti, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Scott, Sells, Senn, Shea, Short, Smith, Springer, Stambaugh, Stanford, Stokesbary, Sullivan, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Van De Wege, Van Werven, Vick, Walkinshaw, Walsh, Wilcox, Wilson, Wylie, Young, and Zeiger

1 WHEREAS, Washington is the only state named for an American  
2 president, George Washington, the father of our country, and as such,  
3 Washingtonians hold the presidency and presidents in especially high  
4 regard; and

5 WHEREAS, Both February 22nd, the actual birthday of President  
6 George Washington, and February 12th, the actual birthday of  
7 President Abraham Lincoln, were kept and observed until 1971 as the  
8 anniversaries of the births of these two great American presidents;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Washington State and the nation have set aside the third  
11 Monday of every February to celebrate George Washington's and Abraham  
12 Lincoln's birthdays, as both of these presidents were born in  
13 February; and

14 WHEREAS, George Washington led the Revolutionary Army with  
15 courage and fortitude and, then serving as the first President of the  
16 United States, defined the office and remained ever mindful of his  
17 actions and the ramifications carried by his deeds; and

18 WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president of the United  
19 States, architect of the Emancipation Proclamation, and driving force  
20 behind the destruction of slavery, preserved the Union in the midst  
21 of a terrible civil war which threatened to tear our nation apart;  
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