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1 AN ACT Relating to a Washington state day of remembrance; amending  
2 RCW 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 on February  
5 19, 1942, the President of the United States issued Executive Order  
6 9066 which authorized military rule over civilian law and lives; that  
7 Executive Order 9066 led to the World War II evacuation and internment  
8 of more than 120,000 Japanese Americans, most of whom were United  
9 States citizens by birth; that Japanese Americans lost their homes and  
10 livelihoods and suffered physical and psychological damage; that,  
11 despite widespread hostility and discrimination, Japanese Americans  
12 served with distinction in the United States military effort as members  
13 of the Military Intelligence Service and in the segregated 100th  
14 Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The  
15 legislature further recognizes that, in the name of "military  
16 necessity," Japanese Americans were deprived of their fundamental  
17 constitutional rights and civil liberties; and that the Japanese  
18 American experience during World War II tragically illuminates the  
19 fragile nature of our most cherished national beliefs and values.

1       The legislature declares that an annual day of recognition be  
2 observed in remembrance of Japanese Americans interned during World War  
3 II as a reminder that, regardless of the provocation, individual rights  
4 and freedoms must never be denied.

5       **Sec. 2.** RCW 1.16.050 and 2000 c 60 s 1 are each amended to read as  
6 follows:

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

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

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

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

3       Whenever any legal holiday falls upon a Saturday, the preceding  
4 Friday shall be the legal holiday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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