

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 1870

60th Legislature
2007 Regular Session

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Yeas 94 Nays 0

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Yeas 48 Nays 0

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1870** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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State of Washington**

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By Representatives Pedersen, Ross, Lovick, Bailey, Hunt, Hasegawa, Pettigrew, Skinner, Flannigan, Darneille, Roberts, Newhouse, Hankins, Walsh, Appleton, Santos, Lantz, McCoy, Rodne, Schual-Berke, Ormsby, Upthegrove, Morrell, Kessler, Williams, Kenney and McDermott

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1 AN ACT Relating to a Washington state day of remembrance for
2 Juneteenth; amending 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 June 19,
5 1865, Union soldiers landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the
6 Civil War had ended and the slaves were now free; that this was two and
7 a half years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation
8 Proclamation on January 1, 1863; that the end of slavery brought on new
9 challenges and realities in establishing a previously nonexistent
10 status for African-Americans in the United States; that racism and
11 continued inequality is the legacy of slavery and acknowledging it is
12 the first step in its eradication; and that since 1980 June 19th has
13 been celebrated as Juneteenth across the United States as a day for
14 people to come together in the spirit of reconciliation to commemorate
15 the contributions of African-Americans to this country's history and
16 culture.

17 The legislature declares that an annual day of recognition be
18 observed in remembrance of the day the slaves realized they were free
19 as a reminder that individual rights and freedoms must never be denied.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 1.16.050 and 2003 c 68 s 2 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; the
12 fourth Thursday in November, to be known as Thanksgiving Day; the day
13 immediately following Thanksgiving Day; and the twenty-fifth day of
14 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 twelfth day of October shall be
7 recognized as Columbus Day but shall not be considered a legal holiday
8 for any purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 The legislature declares that the nineteenth day of June be
32 recognized as Juneteenth, a day of remembrance for the day the slaves
33 learned of their freedom, but shall not be considered a legal holiday
34 for any purpose.

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