
State Government & Tribal Relations
Committee

HB 1906

Brief Description: Recognizing the tenth day of April as Dolores Huerta day.

Sponsors: Representatives Ortiz-Self, Valdez, Ramos, Stonier, Doglio, Stanford, Reeves, Macri, Frame and Jinkins.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Recognizes April 10 as Dolores Huerta Day.

Hearing Date: 2/20/19

Staff: Desiree Omli (786-7105).

Background:

Dolores Huerta was born on April 10, 1930, in Dawson New Mexico. She was a labor activist and a leader of the Chicano civil rights movement. She co-founded the Stockton chapter of the Community Service Organization, which led voter registration drives and fought for economic improvements of Hispanics. Dolores Huerta later co-founded the National Farm Workers Association, the predecessor of the United Farm Workers Association. Through her work at the United Farm Workers Association, she organized workers, negotiated contracts, and advocated for safer working conditions and healthcare benefits for agricultural workers. Dolores Huerta's work led to the California Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975, which allowed farm workers to form unions and bargain for better wages and conditions.

Washington recognizes 10 specific days and all Sundays as state legal holidays. Another 15 specific days are recognized by the Legislature, but not considered legal holidays, and recognize an event, individual, or groups of persons. Individuals with dates of recognition include Mother Joseph, Marcus Whitman, and Cesar Chavez.

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Summary of Bill:

April 10 is recognized as Dolores Huerta Day, but is not considered a legal holiday.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.