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1 AN ACT Relating to Mother Joseph day; and amending RCW 1.16.050.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 1.16.050 and 1993 c 129 s 2 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

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

17 Employees of the state and its political subdivisions, except  
18 employees of school districts and except those nonclassified employees  
19 of institutions of higher education who hold appointments or are

1 employed under contracts to perform services for periods of less than  
2 twelve consecutive months, shall be entitled to one paid holiday per  
3 calendar year in addition to those specified in this section. Each  
4 employee of the state or its political subdivisions may select the day  
5 on which the employee desires to take the additional holiday provided  
6 for herein after consultation with the employer pursuant to guidelines  
7 to be promulgated by rule of the appropriate personnel authority, or in  
8 the case of local government by ordinance or resolution of the  
9 legislative authority.

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

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

19 Whenever any legal holiday falls upon a Saturday, the preceding  
20 Friday shall be the legal holiday.

21 Nothing in this section shall be construed to have the effect of  
22 adding or deleting the number of paid holidays provided for in an  
23 agreement between employees and employers of political subdivisions of  
24 the state or as established by ordinance or resolution of the local  
25 government legislative authority.

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

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

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

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

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

4       The legislature declares that the sixteenth day of April shall be  
5 recognized as Mother Joseph day but shall not be considered a legal  
6 holiday for any purposes.

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