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1 AN ACT Relating to a Washington state day of remembrance; amending
2 RCW 1.16.050; and adding a new section to chapter 1.16 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 1.16 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The legislature recognizes that on February 19, 1942, the President
7 of the United States issued Executive Order 9066 which authorized
8 military rule over civilian law and lives; that Executive Order 9066
9 led to the World War II evacuation and internment of more than one
10 hundred twenty thousand Japanese Americans, most of whom were United
11 States citizens by birth; that Japanese Americans lost their homes and
12 livelihoods and suffered physical and psychological damage; and that,
13 despite widespread hostility and discrimination, Japanese Americans
14 served with distinction in the United States military effort as members
15 of the Military Intelligence Service and in the segregated 100th
16 Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The
17 legislature further recognizes that in the name of "military
18 necessity," Japanese Americans were deprived of their fundamental

1 constitutional rights and civil liberties; and that the Japanese
2 American experience during World War II tragically illuminates the
3 fragile nature of our most cherished national beliefs and values.

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

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

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

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

34 If any of the above specified state legal holidays are also federal
35 legal holidays but observed on different dates, only the state legal
36 holidays shall be recognized as a paid legal holiday for employees of
37 the state and its political subdivisions except that for port districts

1 and the law enforcement and public transit employees of municipal
2 corporations, either the federal or the state legal holiday, but in no
3 case both, may be recognized as a paid legal holiday for employees.

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

6 Whenever any legal holiday falls upon a Saturday, the preceding
7 Friday shall be the legal holiday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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