

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1906

As Passed Senate, March 18, 2019

Title: An act relating to recognizing the tenth day of April as Dolores Huerta day.

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 Jenkins.

Brief History: Passed House: 3/04/19, 62-34.

Committee Activity: State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections: 3/11/19 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed Senate: 3/18/19, 44-0.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Recognizes April 10th as Dolores Huerta Day.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, TRIBAL RELATIONS & ELECTIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Hunt, Chair; Kuderer, Vice Chair; Zeiger, Ranking Member; Bailey, Hasegawa, Hawkins and Takko.

Staff: Melissa Van Gorkom (786-7491)

Background: Apart from the state legal holidays, the state identifies certain days of recognition throughout the year. Such recognition dates commemorate an event, individual, or groups of persons. Individuals with dates of recognition include Mother Joseph, Marcus Whitman, and Cesar Chavez.

Dolores Huerta was born on April 10, 1930, in Dawson, New Mexico. She became an American labor leader and civil rights activist who co-founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later merged into the United Farm Workers. Dolores Huerta was instrumental in the enactment of the California Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975, the

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first law of its kind in the United States, granting farmworkers in California the right to collectively organize and bargain for better wages and working conditions.

Summary of Bill: April 10th is recognized as Dolores Huerta Day, but is not considered a legal holiday for any purpose.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: Dolores Huerta had many accomplishments and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award given by the President. She was an advocate that got tired of seeing hungry children, an activist for hunger and justice. A Latina woman who pulled herself up and stood for change. Her story was known across the country. She is the kind of role model our young people need to see today. This would send a message to all young women that no matter what circumstances you grew up with, Si Se Puede, Spanish for yes we can.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Representative Lillian Ortiz-Self, Prime Sponsor.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.