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1 AN ACT Relating to women's suffrage day; amending RCW 1.16.050; and
2 creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes and finds that:

5 (1) Elizabeth Cady Stanton devoted her life to the women's suffrage
6 movement that advanced women in employment and educational
7 opportunities, property rights, and increased social freedoms;

8 (2) July 19, 1848, was the first Women's Rights Convention where
9 American women declared themselves equal under the law;

10 (3) These convention participants signed and adopted a Declaration
11 of Sentiments and Resolutions that called for women to have equal
12 rights in voting, property, education, and other matters;

13 (4) Citizens who are bound by the law should have a voice in
14 creating these laws as voting is a defining right of United States
15 citizenship;

16 (5) As president of the National Woman Suffrage Association,
17 Elizabeth Cady Stanton was determined to give women the right to vote,
18 make the divorce process easier, and end discrimination in employment;

1 (6) Many supporters organized marches, picket lines, and other
2 forms of protest in congressional districts and the nation's capital
3 for the right to vote;

4 (7) The women's suffrage movement inspired and empowered thousands
5 of Americans including young people and working-class women across the
6 nation;

7 (8) In 1893, individual states began to grant women the right to
8 vote beginning with Colorado, followed by Utah, Idaho, Washington,
9 California, Arizona, Kansas, Oregon, Illinois, Nevada, and Montana;

10 (9) In 1920, the nineteenth amendment to the Constitution was
11 adopted and women were granted the right to vote; and

12 (10) The nineteenth day of July should be recognized as Women's
13 Suffrage Day to honor great American women for their past, present, and
14 future accomplishments of furthering equal rights of all American
15 women.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 1.16.050 and 2003 c 68 s 2 are each amended to read as
17 follows:

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

30 Employees of the state and its political subdivisions, except
31 employees of school districts and except those nonclassified employees
32 of institutions of higher education who hold appointments or are
33 employed under contracts to perform services for periods of less than
34 twelve consecutive months, shall be entitled to one paid holiday per
35 calendar year in addition to those specified in this section. Each
36 employee of the state or its political subdivisions may select the day
37 on which the employee desires to take the additional holiday provided

1 for herein after consultation with the employer pursuant to guidelines
2 to be promulgated by rule of the appropriate personnel authority, or in
3 the case of local government by ordinance or resolution of the
4 legislative authority.

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

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

14 Whenever any legal holiday falls upon a Saturday, the preceding
15 Friday shall be the legal holiday.

16 Nothing in this section shall be construed to have the effect of
17 adding or deleting the number of paid holidays provided for in an
18 agreement between employees and employers of political subdivisions of
19 the state or as established by ordinance or resolution of the local
20 government legislative authority.

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

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

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

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

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

36 The legislature declares that the sixteenth day of April shall be
37 recognized as Mother Joseph day and the fourth day of September as

1 Marcus Whitman day, but neither shall be considered legal holidays for
2 any purpose.

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

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

9 The legislature declares that the nineteenth day of July be
10 recognized as women's suffrage day but shall not be considered a legal
11 holiday for any purpose.

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