
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA DAY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Barack Hussein Obama was born on August 4,
2 1961, in Honolulu, Hawaii. He attended Punahou School,
3 excelling in basketball and graduating with academic honors in
4 1979. Barack Obama enrolled at Columbia University and then
5 Harvard Law School, where he graduated magna cum laude in 1991
6 and was the first African-American president of the *Harvard Law*
7 *Review*.

8 After law school, Barack Obama practiced civil rights law
9 in Chicago, Illinois, and was a community organizer. As a
10 community organizer, he worked to help low-income residents of
11 Chicago's south side, assisting people in defining their mutual
12 interests and working together to improve their lives. As
13 director of the Developing Communities Project, he created a job
14 training program, a college preparatory tutoring program, and a
15 tenant's rights organization. As a result of his work with the
16 community in Chicago, Barack Obama ran and won a seat in the
17 Illinois State Senate, serving three terms. As a legislator he
18 continued to work for those in need, expanding health care



1 services and early childhood education programs and creating a
2 state earned-income tax credit for the working poor.
3 Subsequently from 2005-2008, Barack Obama was elected to serve
4 as a member of the United States Senate. Barack Obama also
5 published two acclaimed books, *Dreams From My Father: A Story of*
6 *Race and Inheritance* and *The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts of*
7 *Reclaiming the American Dream*.

8 In 2008, Barack Obama ran for President of the United
9 States on a platform of hope and won a historic election to
10 become the first African-American President of the United
11 States. As President, he continues to work for Americans most
12 in need during these difficult economic times by, among other
13 things, signing into law the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance
14 Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010, P.L. 111-312, and
15 the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148.
16 In 2009, Barack Obama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and
17 accepted this honor as not only recognition for his specific
18 achievements, but also as a call to action.

19 Barack Obama personifies Hawaii to the world and has
20 demonstrated the ideals of aloha he learned in his youth.

21 The purpose of this Act is to designate August 4 of each
22 year as President Barack Obama Day.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§8- President Barack Obama Day. August 4 of each year
5 shall be known and designated as "President Barack Obama Day".
6 This day shall not be construed to be a state holiday."

7 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

President Barack Obama Day

Description:

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