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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SAINT MARIANNE COPE DAY.

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

1           SECTION 1. Maria Anna Barbara Koob, who would later be  
2 known as Saint Marianne Cope of Molokai, was a German-born  
3 American and a member of the Sisters of Saint Francis of  
4 Syracuse, New York, who spent many years caring for patients  
5 suffering from leprosy, or Hansen's disease, on Molokai.

6           On October 21, 2012, Mother Marianne was canonized as Saint  
7 Marianne Cope by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in Rome. Saint  
8 Marianne is only the second person, after Father Damien, who had  
9 served in Hawaii to be canonized, and she is only the 11<sup>th</sup>  
10 American citizen to receive the Roman Catholic Church's highest  
11 honor. Prior to her canonization, Cope was beatified on May 14,  
12 2005 in Rome by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI.

13           Saint Marianne's feast day was established as January 23  
14 and is celebrated by her own religious congregation, the Roman  
15 Catholic Diocese of Honolulu, and the Roman Catholic Diocese of  
16 Syracuse.

17           The purpose of this Act is to remember Saint Marianne Cope  
18 for her charitable works, virtuous deeds, and enduring legacy in



1 Hawaii, and to mark her feast day, January 23, as Saint Marianne  
2 Cope Day in Hawaii.

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

6 "§8- Saint Marianne Cope Day. January 23 of each year  
7 shall be known and designated as "Saint Marianne Cope Day",  
8 provided that this day is not and shall not be construed to be a  
9 state holiday."

10 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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# H.B. NO. 2539

**Report Title:**

Saint Marianne Cope Day; Non-state Holiday

**Description:**

Designates January 23 of each year as Saint Marianne Cope Day in Hawaii.

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