

JAN 22 2021

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO JUNETEENTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Juneteenth, also
2 known as Freedom Day or Juneteenth Independence Day, is an
3 American holiday that commemorates the June 19, 1865,
4 announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas, and more
5 generally, the emancipation of enslaved African Americans
6 throughout the former Confederate states. Hawaii is one of only
7 three states that does not recognize Juneteenth as a state
8 holiday or a special day of observance. Accordingly, the
9 purpose of this Act is to establish June 19 of each year to be
10 known as Juneteenth Day as a day of commemoration of
11 emancipation in the United States of America.

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

15 "§8- Juneteenth Day. June 19 of each year shall be
16 known and designated as "Juneteenth Day" to commemorate the
17 June 19, 1865, announcement of the abolition of slavery in



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1 Texas, and more generally, the emancipation of enslaved African
2 Americans throughout the former confederate states. This day is
3 not and shall not be construed as a state holiday."

4 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Juneteenth

Description:

Establishes June 19 of each year as Juneteenth Day to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved African Americans throughout the former confederate states.

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