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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORLD PEACE DAY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that World Peace Day,
2 also officially known as the International Day of Peace, is a
3 United Nations-sanctioned holiday observed around the world on
4 the twenty-first day of September. Originally established in
5 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly, the holiday is
6 dedicated to world peace through observing twenty-four hours of
7 non-violence and cease-fire.

8 The legislature further finds that as international
9 conflict continues in certain parts of the world, the
10 recognition and aspiration toward world peace becomes more
11 important and significant.

12 The purpose of this Act is to designate World Peace Day as
13 a state holiday in substitution of the existing Good Friday
14 holiday.

15 SECTION 2. Section 8-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:



1 **"§8-1 Holidays designated.** The following days of each
2 year are set apart and established as state holidays:

3 The first day in January, New Year's Day;

4 The third Monday in January, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,
5 Day;

6 The third Monday in February, Presidents' Day;

7 The twenty-sixth day in March, Prince Jonah Kuhio
8 Kalaniana'ole Day;

9 ~~[The Friday preceding Easter Sunday, Good Friday;]~~

10 The last Monday in May, Memorial Day;

11 The eleventh day in June, King Kamehameha I Day;

12 The fourth day in July, Independence Day;

13 The third Friday in August, Statehood Day;

14 The first Monday in September, Labor Day;

15 The twenty-first day in September, World Peace Day;

16 The eleventh day in November, Veterans' Day;

17 The fourth Thursday in November, Thanksgiving Day;

18 The twenty-fifth day in December, Christmas Day;

19 All election days, except primary and special election
20 days, in the county wherein the election is held;



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1 Any day designated by proclamation by the President of the
2 United States or by the governor as a holiday."

3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

By A. A. A.



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Report Title:

World Peace Day; State Holiday

Description:

Designates World Peace Day as a state holiday in place of Good Friday.

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