

ACT 3

H.B. NO. 2539

A Bill for an Act Relating to Saint Marianne Cope Day.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

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

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

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

The purpose of this Act is to remember Saint Marianne Cope for her charitable works, virtuous deeds, and enduring legacy in Hawaii, and to mark her feast day, January 23, as Saint Marianne Cope Day in Hawaii.

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

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

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

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

(Approved April 1, 2014.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.