### 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



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- 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.



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- 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:

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- 4 "S8- 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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### Description:

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