

ACT 21

H.B. NO. 611

A Bill for an Act Relating to Ocean Resources.

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

SECTION 1. Every year since 1995, the governor has designated one day as “Ocean Day,” in recognition of the importance of the ocean to Hawaii. The purpose of this Act is to designate Ocean Day as a permanent day of recognition 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- Ocean Day.** The first Wednesday of June shall be known and designated as Ocean Day, in recognition of the very significant role the ocean plays in the lives of Hawaii’s people, as well as Hawaii’s culture, history, and traditions. This day is not and shall not be construed as a state holiday.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.<sup>1</sup>

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

(Approved April 15, 1998.)

**Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.