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S.B. NO. 412

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Environment.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

~~“[H]§8-12[] **World 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.] June 8 of each year shall be known and recognized as “World Ocean Day” to cel-~~

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celebrate and honor the oceans of the world, improve international relations, and increase public awareness of conservation management of the ocean environment; provided that this day is not and shall not be construed to be a state holiday. All citizens shall be encouraged to observe and celebrate the blessings of the oceans and endeavor to become caretakers of the ocean for future generations.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 1, 2009.)