

ACT 10

S.B. NO. 2740

A Bill for an Act Relating to Saint Damien De Veuster Day.

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

SECTION 1. Jozef Damien de Veuster, who would later be known as Father Damien of Molokai and Blessed Damien de Veuster, was a Roman Catholic missionary who sacrificed his life in service to those suffering from Hansen's Disease in Kalaupapa on Molokai.

On October 11, 2009, Father Damien was canonized as Saint Jozef Damien de Veuster by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in Rome. Prior to his canonization, Saint Damien was beatified on June 4, 1995 in Brussels by His Holiness Pope John Paul II. At the time of his beatification, Saint Damien was granted a memorial feast day celebrated annually on May 10.

The purpose of this Act is to reflect Saint Damien's recent confirmation of Sainthood, and mark his feast day as Saint Damien de Veuster Day in Hawaii.

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

~~"[§8-8]—Father Saint Damien [DeVeuster] de Veuster Day. [April 15]~~
May 10 of each year shall be known and designated as "[Father] Saint Damien [DeVeuster] de Veuster Day", provided that this day is not and shall not be construed to be a state holiday."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

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

(Approved March 31, 2010.)