

## CHAPTER 64

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**GOVERNMENT - STATE**

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**SENATE BILL 01-151**

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**AN ACT**

CONCERNING CÉSAR CHÁVEZ DAY.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** Article 11 of title 24, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

**24-11-112. César Chávez day.** (1) THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF MARCH IN EACH YEAR, THE SAME BEING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF CÉSAR ESTRADA CHÁVEZ, SHALL BE KNOWN AS "CÉSAR CHÁVEZ DAY" AND APPROPRIATE OBSERVANCE MAY BE HELD BY THE PUBLIC AND IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE STATE IN TRIBUTE TO HIS UNSELFISH COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY.

(2) THE HEAD OF A STATE AGENCY MAY ALLOW AN EMPLOYEE OF THE AGENCY TO HAVE A DAY OFF WITH PAY ON CÉSAR CHÁVEZ DAY IN LIEU OF ANY OTHER LEGAL HOLIDAY DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-11-101 (1) THAT OCCURS IN THE SAME STATE FISCAL YEAR ON A WEEKDAY, OTHER THAN A WEEKDAY ON WHICH AN ELECTION IS HELD THROUGHOUT THE STATE, ON WHICH THE STATE AGENCY IS REQUIRED TO BE OPEN BUT ON WHICH THE OPERATIONS OF THE AGENCY ARE REQUIRED TO BE MAINTAINED AT ONLY A MINIMUM LEVEL.

(3) ON CÉSAR CHÁVEZ DAY, EACH STATE AGENCY SHALL REMAIN OPEN AND CONDUCT THE OPERATIONS OF THE AGENCY AT NO LESS THAN A MINIMUM LEVEL.

(4) A HOLIDAY ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION IS IN LIEU OF A LEGAL HOLIDAY

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-11-101 (1). THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LEGAL HOLIDAYS IN A STATE FISCAL YEAR AVAILABLE TO AN EMPLOYEE OF A STATE AGENCY IS NOT CHANGED BY THIS SECTION.

**SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: March 27, 2001