

To Chairwoman Fogarty & members of the committee,

I write to you today to urge support for Rep. Williams' bill to rename Victory Day on August 1st as Emancipation Day in Rhode Island. In recent years, many have come to realize not only the importance of properly celebrating the official end of slavery (which came well after the Emancipation Proclamation), but the troubling nature of celebrating Japan's surrender only after we used 2 weapons of mass destruction on their innocent civilian population. We interned the Japanese-American population within their own country. During the course of this pandemic, Asian-American citizens have weathered a new wave of abuse and discrimination. While not downplaying the service & sacrifice of those who served honorably in the Pacific Theater, I believe it is right to move the holiday in place of Emancipation day, a holiday which a wider segment of the state can proudly enjoy, while exploring different ways we can properly honor those who helped to bring about the end of WW2.

Thank You,

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