

Senate Bill 541

Sponsored by Senator RILEY (at the request of Hollie Dahm Stivers) (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Designates March 18 of each year as DeMolay Day.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to DeMolay Day; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas it is important for children of all ages to develop conscious social and historical
4 awareness through practical leadership training, hands-on learning and modern, dynamic extracur-
5 ricular activities and education; and

6 Whereas the future of our communities, state and nation, and the preservation of human rights
7 and timeless principles upon which equality, justice and freedom stand, are dependent on giving
8 every child the opportunity and inspiration to succeed in life; and

9 Whereas in order to perpetuate human progress, enfranchise human thought, preserve the free-
10 dom of human conscience and guarantee equal rights to all, it is crucial to focus attention on en-
11 suring that children engage in opportunity-creating activities, leadership, public-speaking training
12 and early community involvement with adult mentors; and

13 Whereas increasing the development of essential skills and relevant, necessary education that
14 are applicable to real-life situations will lead to a more enlightened, inspired and optimistic citi-
15 zenry; and

16 Whereas the Order of DeMolay was founded in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1919—and in Oregon
17 in 1921—for the purpose of giving young people an environment in which to develop critical lead-
18 ership skills, social values, greater intellectual learning and the inspiration to succeed in all facets
19 of their lives through service to others and to our world at large; and

20 Whereas Oregon DeMolay offers guidance to its members and students in the areas of commu-
21 nication, history, philosophy, psychology and ethics and offers leadership and business training with
22 concentrations on small- and large-group facilitation, project organization, public speaking, schedul-
23 ing and budgeting; and

24 Whereas the Order of DeMolay is a youth leadership organization built on fundamental values
25 that transcend religious, political or ideological affiliation; and

26 Whereas many illustrious alumni have demonstrated the core values of the Order of DeMolay
27 with careers of distinction and dedicated civic service, including astronaut Frank Borman, writer
28 John Steinbeck, actor John Wayne, baseball legend Harmon Killebrew and cartoonist and entrepre-
29 neur Walt Disney; and

30 Whereas the Order of DeMolay has chapters in 24 countries around the world, all with various
31 political, religious and cultural foundations; and

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1 Whereas there are numerous DeMolay chapters in Oregon; and

2 Whereas Oregon DeMolay has been supporting many worthy causes, including education, mem-
3 bership, programming and youth leadership; and

4 Whereas the observance of DeMolay Day each year will encourage Oregonians to engage in
5 activities and conscious awareness to highlight the importance of youth leadership, reward higher
6 education and learn the cultural and historical significance of freedom of thought, freedom of reli-
7 gion and freedom of speech in conjunction with recognition of the leadership and wisdom of those
8 who came before us who established such high universal ideals throughout the world and fought and
9 died for their perpetuation; now, therefore,

10 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

11 **SECTION 1.** **March 18 of each year is designated as DeMolay Day.**

12 **SECTION 2.** **This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
13 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**
14 **on its passage.**

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