



2021 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 71

Introduced by: **Senator Bolin**

1 **An Act to designate Juneteenth Day as a working holiday.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1.** That a NEW SECTION be added:

4 **1-5-18. Juneteenth Day**

5 The nineteenth day of June, to be known as Juneteenth Day, shall be observed in
6 this state as a working holiday. Juneteenth is recognized due to the fact that on June 19,
7 1865, the slaves in Texas, a geographically remote region of the confederacy, were
8 officially informed by units of the United States military that the Civil War was over, that
9 slavery in the United States had been abolished, and that the slaves were now free
10 persons.