NEBRASKA: THE CORNHUSKER STATE

SPECIAL DAYS IN NEBRASKA

Other Special Days

- **George W. Norris Day**: Jan. 5, to honor the longtime Nebraska politician.
- **State Day**: March 1, the day Nebraska joined the Union in 1867.
- **Thomas Jefferson Memorial Day**: April 13, to honor the U.S. president.
- **Workers Memorial Day**: April 28, in remembrance of the courage and integrity of U.S. workers.
- **State Fire Day**: Friday before Fire Recognition Day in May, to call public attention to the great damage that fire causes to life and property.
- **Fire Recognition Day**: Second Saturday in May. Exercises appropriate for the subject and day may be conducted by any fire department.
- **Pioneers’ Memorial Day**: Second Sunday in June, in recognition of those who served and sacrificed as pioneers in the settlement of Nebraska.
- **Nebraska Czech Day**: First Sunday in August. The date coincides with the annual Czech Festival at Wilber, which has been designated the Czech capital of Nebraska and the United States.
- **John G. Neihardt Day**: First Sunday in August, to honor the writer and Nebraska poet laureate.
- **Howard’s Day**: Sept. 2, the birthday of John Howard, author of prison reform throughout the world. Observed in the state’s correctional institutions.
- **American Indian Day**: Fourth Monday in September, to honor the first residents of Nebraska and recognize their contributions to the state.
- **Pulaski’s Memorial Day**: Oct. 11, to commemorate the death of Revolutionary War hero Casimir Pulaski. The brigadier general died of wounds suffered in the siege of Savannah, Ga., on Oct. 11, 1779.
- **White Cane Safety Day**: Oct. 15, to recognize the importance of the white cane as a symbol of independence for blind people and to remind citizens of the need to keep streets, sidewalks and other public places safe and functional for people with disabilities.

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8 Source: Nebraska Revised Statutes.
Legal Holidays in Nebraska

New Year’s Day .......................................................... Jan. 1
Martin Luther King Jr. Day ........................................ Third Monday in January
Presidents’ Day .......................................................... Third Monday in February
 Arbor Day .................................................................. Last Friday in April
 Memorial Day ............................................................ Last Monday in May
 Independence Day ...................................................... July 4
 Labor Day .................................................................. First Monday in September
 Columbus Day ........................................................... Second Monday in October
 Veterans Day ............................................................ Nov. 11
 Thanksgiving Day ........................................................ Fourth Thursday in November
 Day After Thanksgiving .......................................... Friday after Fourth Thursday in November
 Christmas Day .......................................................... Dec. 25

State Song

The 1967 Legislature declared “Beautiful Nebraska,” composed by Jim Fras, to be the state’s official song.