



Election Day Holiday Project

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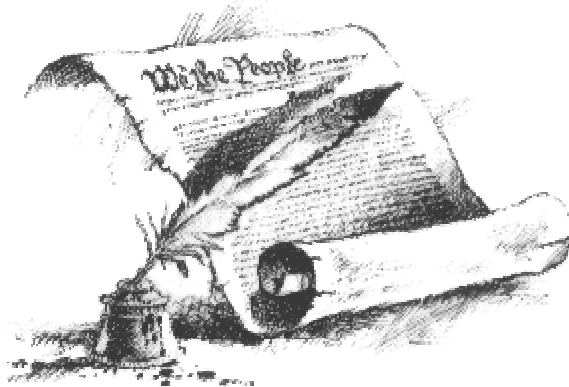
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The United States recognizes ten official federal holidays and a variety of state holidays. These holidays celebrate historical events such as Independence Day, leaders including George Washington and Martin Luther King, Jr. and the memory of those who fought to keep this country free. However, democracy, arguably the most important piece of our national heritage, is not celebrated. Unlike many other democracies, the United States does not recognize Election Day as a national or even state holiday. An Election Day holiday could bring the benefits of higher voter turnout through more available poll workers, reduced lines during early morning and late afternoon and an increased awareness of the election. Although an Election Day holiday is not a quick fix for democratic reform it is at least as deserving of official recognition as any of the other holidays we recognize. In this spirit we offer a list of all state and federal holidays in the United States and ask you to consider supporting the inclusion of Election Day as one of them.

Federal and State Holidays

- **Jan. 1**, New Year's Day: US
- **Jan. 6**, Three Kings' Day: P.R.
- **Jan. 8**, Battle of New Orleans Day: La.
- **Jan. 11**, De Hostos's Birthday: P.R.
- **Jan. 19**, Robert E. Lee's Birthday: Ark., Fla., Ky., La., S.C.; **(third Mon.):** Ala., Miss.
- **Jan. 19**, Confederate Heroes Day: Tex.
- **Jan. (third Mon.)**, Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.: US
- **Jan. (third Mon.)**, Lee-Jackson-King Day: Va.
- **Jan. 30**, F. D. Roosevelt's Birthday: Ky.

- **Feb. 15**, Susan B. Anthony's Birthday: Fla., Minn.
- **Feb. (third Mon.)**, George Washington's Birthday: US



- **March (first Tues.)**, Town Meeting Day: Vt.
- **March 2**, Texas Independence Day: Tex.
- **March (first Mon.)**, Casimir Pulaski's Birthday: Ill.
- **March 17**, Evacuation Day: Mass. (in Suffolk County)
- **March 20 (first day of spring)**, Youth Day: Okla.
- **March 22**, Abolition Day: P.R.
- **March 25**, Maryland Day: Md.
- **March 26**, Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Day: Hawaii
- **March (last Mon.)**, Seward's Day: Alaska

- **April 2**, Pascua Florida Day: Fla.
- **April 13**, Thomas Jefferson's Birthday: Ala., Okla.
- **April 16**, De Diego's Birthday: P.R.
 - **April (third Mon.)**, Patriots' Day: Maine, Mass.
 - **April 21**, San Jacinto Day: Tex.
 - **April 22**, Arbor Day: Nebr.
 - **April 22**, Oklahoma Day: Okla.
 - **April 26**, Confederate Memorial Day: Fla., Ga.
 - **April (fourth Mon.)**, Fast Day: N.H.
 - **April (last Mon.)**, Confederate Memorial Day: Ala., Miss.

- **May 1**, Bird Day: Okla.
- **May 8**, Truman Day: Mo.
- **May 11**, Minnesota Day: Minn.
- **May 20**, Mecklenburg Independence Day: N.C.
- **May (last Mon.)**, Memorial Day: US

- **June (first Mon.)**, Jefferson Davis's Birthday: Ala., Miss.



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- **June 3**, Jefferson Davis's Birthday: Fla., S.C.
- **June 3**, Confederate Memorial Day: Ky., La.
- **June 9**, Senior Citizens Day: Okla.
- **June 11**, King Kamehameha I Day: Hawaii
- **June 15**, Separation Day: Del.
- **June 17**, Bunker Hill Day: Mass. (in Suffolk County)
- **June 19**, Emancipation Day: Tex.
- **June 20**, West Virginia Day: W.Va.
- **July 4**, Independence Day: US
- **July 17**, Muñoz Rivera's Birthday: P.R.
- **July 24**, Pioneer Day: Utah
- **July 25**, Constitution Day: P.R.
- **July 27**, Barbosa's Birthday: P.R.
- **Aug. (first Sun.)**, American Family Day: Ariz.
- **Aug. (first Mon.)**, Colorado Day: Colo.
- **Aug. (second Mon.)**, Victory Day: R.I.
- **Aug. 16**, Bennington Battle Day: Vt.
- **Aug. (third Friday)**, Admission Day: Hawaii
- **Aug. 27**, Lyndon B. Johnson's Birthday: Tex.
- **Aug. 30**, Huey P. Long Day: La.
- **Sept. (first Mon.)**, Labor Day: US
- **Sept. 9**, Admission Day: Calif.
- **Sept. 12**, Defenders' Day: Md.
- **Sept. 16**, Cherokee Strip Day: Okla.
- **Sept. 17**, Constitution Day, US
- **Sept. (first Sat. after full moon)**, Indian Day: Okla.
- **Oct. 10**, Leif Eriksson Day: Minn.
- **Oct. 10**, Oklahoma Historical Day: Okla.
- **Oct. (second Mon.)**, Columbus Day: US
- **Oct. 18**, Alaska Day: Alaska
- **Oct. 31**, Nevada Day: Nev.
- **Nov. 4**, Will Rogers Day: Okla.
- **Nov. 11**, Veterans Day: US
- **Nov. (week of the 16th)**, Oklahoma Heritage Week: Okla.
- **Nov. 19**, Discovery Day: P.R.
- **Nov. (fourth Thur.)**, Thanksgiving: US
- **Dec. 7**, Delaware Day: Del.
- **Dec. 25**, Christmas Day: US

