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# It's Presidents Day, Monday, February 19, 2018

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Presidents Day is a federal holiday which, in the United States, is observed on the third Monday in February.

This day is set aside, by more and more of America's population, to honor all of the past United States Presidents that have served our country. Two of our nation's most prominent Presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, are brought to mind as we celebrate this day. Their birth dates, which fall close to this same time, have been honored for decades and always will be.

Presidents Day is celebrated with public ceremonies in Washington, D.C. and throughout the United States.

## **HISTORY**

The origin of Presidents Day lay in the 1880s when the birthday of George Washington was celebrated as a federal holiday.

In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Bill, which moved several federal holidays to Mondays.

During the debate on the bill, it was proposed to have George Washington's birthday be renamed Presidents Day to honor the birthdays of both George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Washington's birthday is February 22nd and Lincoln's birthday is February

12th.

Although Abraham Lincoln's birthday was celebrated in many states, it was never an official federal holiday.

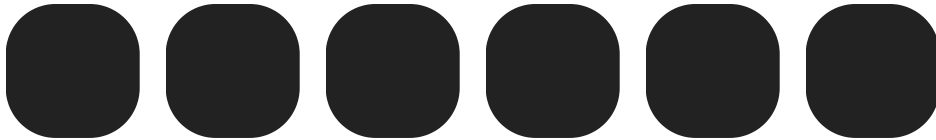
Following much discussion, Congress rejected the name change.

However, after the bill went into effect in 1971, Presidents Day became the commonly accepted name.

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From the Dexter Police Department: We need your help!

The white male in these pictures is the suspect in a strong arm robbery that occurred at Break Time Convenience Store on February 14th, 2018 around 10:42pm. The unknown man fled the scene on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash.

"We realize these aren't the quality of photos that we would like to have, but if you recognize this individual, please contact Detective Sergeant Cory Mills at 573-624-5512 or email: [cory.mills@dexterpd.com](mailto:cory.mills@dexterpd.com)"

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## **Presidential Proclamation Honoring the Victims of the Tragedy in Parkland, Florida**

Our Nation grieves with those who have lost loved ones in the shooting at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

As a mark of solemn respect for the victims of the terrible act of violence perpetrated on February 14, 2018, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset, February 19, 2018.

I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.

**DONALD J. TRUMP**  
President of the United States of America

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# Dexter City Offices Closed for Presidents Day

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Dexter, Missouri - The city of Dexter administrative offices will be closed Monday, February 19, 2018 for Presidents Day.

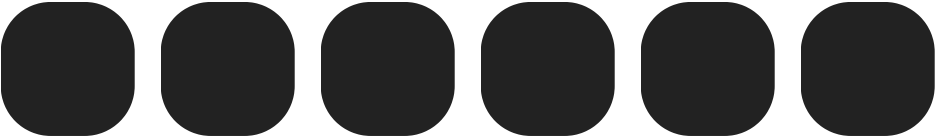
Trash will be one day late. There will be no bulk pick up on Friday, February 23, 2018.

"Presidents' Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, it is still officially called "Washington's Birthday" by the federal government. Traditionally celebrated on February 22 - Washington's actual day of birth - the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present."

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## Dexter Police Department Step Up Seat Belt Enforcement Click It or Ticket

Dexter, Missouri - Dexter Police will be joining efforts with statewide law enforcement on February 15th for an aggressive “Click It or Ticket” mobilization to get more motorists to buckle up — and save more lives.

Despite evidence proving the benefits of wearing a seat belt, 16% of Missouri motorists are still not making it click. Even worse, 65% of occupants killed in 2017 crashes in Missouri were unrestrained.

“Local motorists should be prepared for stepped up Click It or Ticket enforcement,” said Chief Sammy Stone. “We’ll be out there to remind you seat belts can – and do – save lives.”

Buckle Up and Arrive Alive.

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