

SPECIAL DAYS IN NEBRASKA

Other Special Days⁸

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.

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.