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## **Commemorative Observances: A Chronological List**

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## Summary

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The following is a chronological list of these proclamations for 2001 and 2002, indicating the proclamation number and its *Federal Register* (FR) citation.

Except for the **perpetual commemoratives** indicated in *italics* below, with their citations to the *U.S. Code* (USC), these proclamations (Proc.) must be reissued each year. Most are issued only shortly before the observance of the event. For this reason, we are unable to provide a complete advance calendar indicating these days. We are providing the 2001 list as an indication of the observances that might well be designated again in 2002.

**2001****January**

16	Religious Freedom Day	Proc. 7391, 66 FR 7205
21	National Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving	Proc. 7403, 66 FR 7861

**February**

	<i>American Heart Month</i>	36 USC 169b
	February each year	Proc. 7406, 66 FR 9759
	National African American History Month	Proc. 7404, 66 FR 9025
4-10	National Burn Awareness Week	Proc. 7407, 66 FR 9761
5-10	National Consumer Protection Week	Proc. 7405, 66 FR 9639

**March**

	National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month	Proc. 7415, 66 FR 14477
	Women's History Month	Proc. 7411, 66 FR 13641
1	Fortieth Anniversary of the Peace Corps	Proc. 7410, 66 FR 13639
4-10	<i>Save Your Vision Week</i>	36 USC 169a
	First week of March each year	Proc. 7413, 66 FR 14067
11-17	National Girl Scout Week	Proc. 7416, 66 FR 15783
25	Greek Independence Day	Proc. 7414, 66 FR 14069
18-24	<i>National Poison Prevention Week</i>	36 USC 165
	Third week of March each year	Proc. 7412, 66 FR 13643

**April**

	<i>Cancer Control Month</i>	36 USC 150
	April each year	Proc. 7418, 66 FR 17317
	National Child Abuse Prevention Month	Proc. 7419, 66 FR 17319
4	Education and Sharing Day	Proc. 7417, 66 FR 16591
9	National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day	Proc. 7421, 66 FR 18182
8-14	Pan American Week	Proc. 7420, 66 FR 18035

12	National D.A.R.E. Day (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)	Proc. 7425, 66 FR 19079
13	Thomas Jefferson Day	Proc. 7426, 66 FR 19845
14	Pan American Day	Proc. 7420, 66 FR 18035
15-21	National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week	Proc. 7422, 66 FR 18395
22-28	National Crime Victims' Rights Week	Proc. 7424, 66 FR 19077
22-28	National Volunteer Week	Proc. 7427, 66 FR 20081
22-29	Jewish Heritage Week	Proc. 7423, 66 FR 18867
23-29	National Park Week	Proc. 7428, 66 FR 20183

## May

	<i>Asian/Pacific-American Heritage Month</i>	36 USC 169k
	May each year	Proc. 7434, 66 FR 23831
	Older Americans Month	Proc. 7432, 66 FR 23533
1	<i>Law Day</i>	36 USC 164
	May 1 each year	Proc. 7431, 66 FR 22423
1	<i>Loyalty Day</i>	36 USC 152
	May 1 each year	Proc. 7429, 66 FR 21629
3	<i>National Day of Prayer</i>	36 USC 169h
	First Thursday of May each year	Proc. 7430, 66 FR 22103
6-12	Small Business Week	Proc. 7433, 66 FR 23535
13	<i>Mother's Day</i>	36 USC 142
	Second Sunday in May each year	Proc. 7437, 66 FR 24046
13-19	<i>Police Week</i>	36 USC 167
	Week in which Peace Officer Memorial Day falls each year	Proc. 7435, 66 FR 24043
13-19	National Biotechnology Week	Proc. 7438, 66 FR 28045
13-19	<i>National Transportation Week</i>	36 USC 166
	Week in which National Defense Transportation Day falls each year	Proc. 7439, 66 FR 28047
14-20	National Salvation Army Week	Proc. 7436, 66 FR 24045
15	<i>Peace Officer Memorial Day</i>	36 USC 167
	May 15 each year	Proc. 7435, 66 FR 24043
18	<i>National Defense Transportation Day</i>	36 USC 160
	Third Friday in May each year	Proc. 7439, 66 FR 28047

19-25	<i>National Safe Boating Week</i> Seven-day period prior to the Memorial Day weekend each year	36 USC 161 Proc. 7440, 66 FR 28049
20-26	National Hurricane Awareness Week	Proc. 7443; 66 FR 28825
20-26	World Trade Week	Proc. 7441, 66 FR 28353
22	<i>National Maritime Day</i> May 22 each year	36 USC 145 Proc. 7442, 66 FR 28639
28	<i>Prayer for Peace Memorial Day</i> Memorial Day each year	36 USC 169g Proc. 7444, 66 FR 29445

## June

	Black Music Month	Proc. 7453, 66 FR 35361
3	National Child's Day	Proc. 7446, 66 FR 30287
10-16	Great Outdoors Week	Proc. 7450, 66 FR 32205
10-16	<i>National Flag Week</i> Week in which June 14 occurs each year	36 USC 157a Proc. 7447, 66 FR 31367
14	<i>Flag Day</i> June 14 each year	36 USC 157 Proc. 7447, 66 FR 31367
17	<i>Father's Day</i> Third Sunday in June each year	36 USC 142a Proc. 7541, 66 FR 32891

## July

15-21	<i>Captive Nations Week</i> Third week in July each year	P.L. 86-90 Proc. 7455, 66 FR 37103
22	<i>Parents' Day</i> Fourth Sunday of July each year	36 USC 142c Proc. 7456, 66 FR 38889
27	<i>National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day</i> July 27 each year until 2003	36 USC 169m Proc. 7457, 66 FR 39401

## August

26	Women's Equality Day	Proc. 7458, 66 FR 45563
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## September

	<i>National Hispanic Heritage Month</i>	36 USC 159f
	September 15 through October 15 each year	Proc. 7471, 66 FR 50097
	National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month	Proc. 7459, 66 FR 46507
9-15	National Birmingham Pledge Week	Proc. 7460, 66 FR 47569
14	National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001	Proc. 7462, 66 FR 47947
16-22	National Farm and Safety and Health Week	Proc. 7465, 66 FR 48317
17	<i>Citizenship Day</i>	36 USC 153
	September 17 each year	Proc. 7466, 66 FR 48319
17-23	<i>Constitution Week</i>	36 USC 159
	Week beginning September 17 and ending September 23 each year	Proc. 7466, 66 FR 48319
21	National POW/MIA Recognition Day	Proc. 7469, 66 FR 48949
23-29	Minority Enterprise Development Week	Proc. 7467, 66 FR 48321
24	Family Day	Proc. 7470, 66 FR 49505
24-30	National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week	Proc. 7472, 66 FR 50099
29	National Public Lands Day	Proc. 7473, 66 FR 50287
30	<i>Gold Star Mother's Day</i>	36 USC 148
	Last Sunday in September each year	Proc. 7474, 66 FR 50289

## October

	National Breast Cancer Awareness Month	Proc. 7477, 66 FR 51295
	<i>National Disability Employment Awareness Month</i>	36 USC 155
	October each year	Proc. 7478, 66 FR 51297
	National Domestic Violence Awareness Month	Proc. 7475, 66 FR 50525
1	<i>Child Health Day</i>	36 USC 143
	First Monday in October each year	Proc. 7476, 66 FR 50527
6	German-American Day	Proc. 7481, 66 FR 51810
7-13	Fire Prevention Week	Proc. 7480, 66 FR 51808



9	<i>Leif Erikson Day</i> October 9 each year	36 USC 169c Proc. 7483, 66 FR 52015
11	General Pulaski Memorial Day	Proc. 7484, 66 FR 52303
14-20	<i>National School Lunch Week</i> Week beginning on the second Sunday in October each year	36 USC 168 Proc. 7485, 66 FR 52845
15	<i>White Cane Safety Day</i> October 15 each year	36 USC 155 Proc. 7486, 66 FR 52847
21-27	<i>National Forest Products Week</i> Week beginning on the third Sunday of October each year	36 USC 163 Proc. 7487, 66 FR 53843

## November

	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Month	Proc. 7495, 66 FR 57631
	National Adoption Month	Proc. 7493, 66 FR 56425
	National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Prevention Month	Proc. 7496, 66 FR 57633
	National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month	Proc. 7497, 66 FR 57635
	National American Indian Heritage Month	Proc. 7500, 66 FR 57641
	National Diabetes Month	Proc. 7507, 66 FR 62907
	National Family Caregivers Month	Proc. 7498, 66 FR 57637
	National Hospice Month	Proc. 7508, 66 FR 62909
9	World Freedom Day	Proc. 7499, 66 FR 57639
11	National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week	Proc. 7494, 66 FR 57267
	National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month	Proc. 7492, 66 FR 56031
15	America Recycles Day	Proc. 7503, 66 FR 58049
18-24	National Family Week	Proc. 7506, 66 FR 59529
22	National Farm-City Week	Proc. 7501, 66 FR 57643

## December

	National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month	Proc. 7509, 66 FR 62911
1	World Aids Day	Proc. 7510, 66 FR 63149
7	<i>National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</i> December 7 each year	36 USC 169 Proc. 7511, 66 FR 63899
9-15	Human Rights Week	Proc. 7513, 66 FR 64095
10	Human Rights Day	Proc. 7513, 66 FR 64095
15	Bill of Rights Day	Proc. 7513, 66 FR 64095
17	<i>Wright Brothers Day</i> December 17 each year	36 USC 169 Proc. 7514, 66 FR 65089

## 2002

### Decade

National Bone and Joint Decade, 2002-2011	Proc. 7533, 67 FR 13703
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### January

	National Mentoring Month	Proc. 7519, 67 FR 3577
16	Religious Freedom Day	Proc. 7517, 67 FR 2787
20	National Sanctity of Human Life Day	Proc. 7520, 67 FR 3579

### February

	<i>American Heart Month</i> February each year	36 USC 169b Proc. 7521, 67 FR 5431
	National African American History Month	Proc. 7522, 67 FR 5433
3-9	National Consumer Protection Week	Proc. 7523, 67 FR 5919

### March

	American Red Cross Month	Proc. 7525, 67 FR 10311
	Irish-American Heritage Month	Proc. 7526, 67 FR 10313
	Women's History Month	Proc. 7530, 67 FR 10825

	National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month	Proc. 7527, 67 FR 10315
3-9	<i>Save Your Vision Week</i>	36 USC 169a Proc. 7528, 67 FR 10317
16	West Point Bicentennial Day	Proc. 7531, 67 FR 11381
17-23	<i>National Poison Prevention Week</i> Third week of March each year	36 USC 165 Proc. 7532, 67 FR 12441
24	Education and Sharing Day	Proc. 7534, 67 FR 13703
25	Greek Independence Day	Proc. 7537, 67 FR 15093

## April

	<i>Cancer Control Month</i> April each year	36 USC 150 Proc. 7536, 67 FR 17599
	National Child Abuse Prevention Month	Proc. 7537, 67 FR 17601
9	National Former Prisoner of War	Proc. 7358, 67 FR 17905
11	National D.A.R.E. Day (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)	Proc. 7539, 67 FR 18083
14	Pan American Day	Proc. 7540, 67 FR 19097
14-21	Jewish Heritage Week	Proc. 7541, 67 FR 19099
14-20	Pan-American Week	Proc. 7540, 67 FR 19097
21-27	National Crime Victims' Rights Week	Proc. 7543, 67 FR 19635
21-27	National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week	Proc. 7544, 67 FR 20005
21-27	National Volunteer Week	Proc. 7545, 67 FR 20007
22-28	National Park Week	Proc. 7546, 67 FR 20605
28-5/4	National Charter Schools Week	Proc. 7552, 67 FR 30533

## May

	<i>Asian/Pacific-American Heritage Month</i> May each year	36 USC 169k Proc. 7550, 67 FR 30311
	Older Americans Month	Proc. 7551, 67 FR 30313
1	<i>Law Day</i> May 1 each year	36 USC 164 Proc. 7548, 67 FR 30307

1	<i>Loyalty Day</i> May 1 each year	36 USC 152 Proc. 7549, 67 FR 30309
2	<i>National Day of Prayer</i> First Thursday of May each year	36 USC 169h Proc. 7547, 67 FR 21559
5-12	National Tourism Week	Proc. 7556, 67 FR 31107
5-12	Small Business Week	Proc. 7555, 67 FR 31105
12	<i>Mother's Day</i> Second Sunday in May each year	36 USC 142 Proc. 7557, 67 FR 34583
12-18	<i>National Transportation Week</i> Week in which National Defense Transportation Day falls each year	36 USC 166
12-18	<i>Police Week</i> Week in which Peace Officer Memorial Day falls each year	36 USC 167 Proc. 7558, 67 FR 34585
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18-24	<i>National Safe Boating Week</i> Seven-day period prior to the Memorial Day weekend each year	36 USC 161
19-25	National Hurricane Awareness Week	Proc. 7560, 67 FR 34815
22	<i>National Maritime Day</i> May 22 each year	36 USC 145
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## June

14	<i>Flag Day</i> June 14 each year	36 USC 157
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16	<i>Father's Day</i> Third Sunday in June each year	36 USC 142a

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