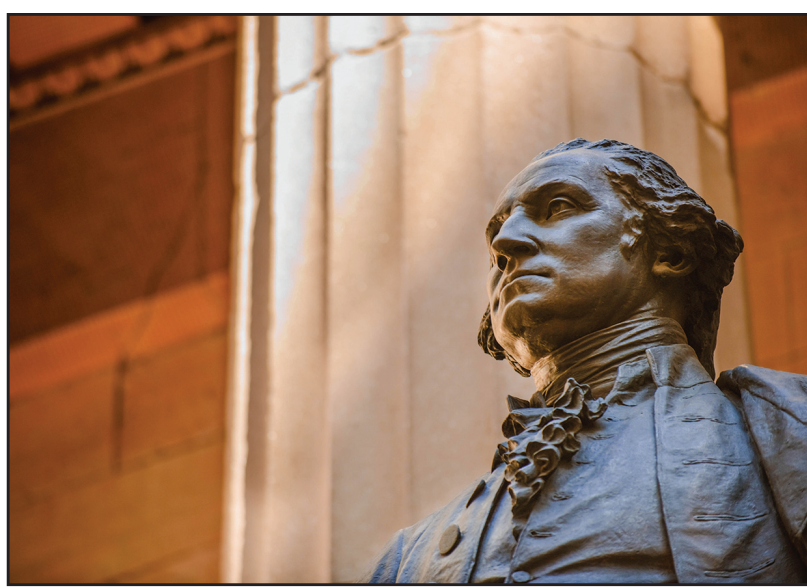


THE HISTORY OF PRESIDENTS' DAY IN THE UNITED STATES

An official list of federal holidays in the United States won't feature "Presidents' Day" among the observed holidays. Some may say that's preposterous, as they're certain that post offices and other federal entities are closed on such a day each February. While the third Monday of February is commonly referred to as "Pres-



Presidents' Day is also known as "Washington's Birthday."

may use other names, it is OPM policy to always refer to holidays by the names designated in the law.

HISTORY OF WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

The idea to give presidents a little extra fanfare originally was established in 1885 in recognition of George Washington. After his death in 1799, Washington's birthday on February 22 became a day of remembrance, ac-

cording to History.com. Its observance as an official holiday was signed into law in 1879 by President Rutherford B. Hayes. Originally, the holiday only applied to the District of Columbia, but in 1885 it was expanded to the entire country.

Abraham Lincoln, another revered American president whose birthday was February 12, also was largely celebrated during the month of February as a state holiday, par-

ticularly in his home state of Illinois. In the 1960s, when Congress proposed a measure known as the Uniform Monday Holiday Act that designated Monday as the day to celebrate various federal holidays, the proposal also included a provision to combine the celebration of Washington's

and Lincoln's birthdays to provide more equal recognition of these two influential leaders. The name Presidents' Day was proposed at that time. However, when the bill moving the celebration of Washington's birthday to the third Monday in February went into effect in 1971, Congress rejected the name change, so it remained Washington's Birthday. That name stands to this day.

WHY PRESIDENTS' DAY?

Even though federal calendars will list February 15 this year as Washington's Birthday, it will largely be referred to as Presidents' Day. This unofficial moniker developed in the 1970s due largely in part to retailer's use of that name to promote sales and the proximity of the holiday to both the birthdays of

Washington and Lincoln. Indeed, a Washington's Birthday furniture sale doesn't have the same ring to it as a Presidents' Day sale.

No matter what the holiday is called, Presidents' Day offers citizens a chance to learn more about the history behind Washington and Lincoln — two pivotal statesmen in American history.



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Lane County remains at 'extreme' level

SALEM — Oregon Gov. Kate Brown announced Tuesday that 12 counties improved in risk level, with 10 improving from extreme risk for the first time since November, effective Feb. 12.

Lane County remains in extreme risk.

County risk levels under the state's public health framework aim to reduce transmission and protect Oregonians from COVID-19. The framework uses four different risk levels for counties based on COVID-19 spread — extreme risk, high risk, moderate risk and lower risk — and assigns health and safety measures for each level. Effective Feb. 12 through Feb. 25, there will be 14 counties in the extreme risk level, 11 at high risk, two at moderate risk, and nine at lower risk. A complete list of counties and their associated risk levels is available at coronavirus.oregon.gov.

"Thanks to Oregonians who have stepped up and made smart choices, we have made incredible progress in stopping the spread of COVID-19 and saving lives in Oregon," said Brown. "This week we will see 10 counties move out of extreme risk, including the Portland tri-county area, for the first time since November. This is welcome news, as we'll start to see more businesses open up and Oregonians being able to get out a bit more."

The Oregon Health Authority will examine and publish county data weekly. County risk levels will be reassigned every two weeks. The first week's data will provide a "warning week" to prepare counties for potential risk level changes. The next assignment of risk levels will be announced Feb. 23 and take effect Feb. 26.

"It's also incredibly important that we continue to remain vigilant and protect our neighbors and loved ones as we face virulent new strains of COVID-19," Brown said. "This means continuing to wear masks, keep our physical distance and avoid indoor gatherings. If we want to keep businesses open, reopen schools for in-person in-

struction and stay safe, we must keep up our guard. Until vaccines are more widely available, case

counts could go back up if we don't keep following safety measures."

Updates to Warning

Week data and county risk levels will be posted to coronavirus.oregon.gov.

February SPECIALS

BONFIRE

FEBRUARY SPECIALS
4PM to 9PM

APPETIZER

Santa Fe Beef Tips - \$12

ENTREE

Pepper Crusted Ribeye - \$38

DESSERT

Chocolate Pot de Crème - \$7

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FEBRUARY SPECIALS

NEW ORLEANS SHRIMP OMELET - \$13
SERVED DAILY 7AM-11AM

PRIME RIB - \$25
SERVED FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 4PM-9PM

GIANT PORK TENDERLOIN SANDWICH - \$13
SERVED DAILY 11AM-9PM

SWEET POTATO PIE - \$6

Riverside FOOD COURT

FEBRUARY SPECIALS



CLASSIC SHRIMP MELT - \$12



THE BARNYARD PIZZA - \$11



AMARETTO LATTE - \$5



VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIALS

Friday, February 12 - Sunday, February 14
4pm to 9pm

Entree

NEW YORK STEAK AU GRATIN
\$25

SHRIMP PASTA ITALIANO
\$19

Dessert

DEATH BY CHOCOLATE CAKE
\$8

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