



The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE)

2015 Presidents' Day Holiday Message from the Director

On Monday, February 16, 2015, our Nation celebrates Presidents' Day, a holiday that dates back to 1885 in recognition of President George Washington. This holiday, originally began as a holiday for the District of Columbia, but was later expanded to the whole country. This holiday was the first Federal holiday to celebrate an individual American. Today, Presidents' Day is celebrated on the third Monday in February to remember all U.S. Presidents, past and present.

In 1971, President Richard Nixon created an executive order to pass the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. In the executive order, the day was still called Washington's Birthday. The name Presidents' Day originated from the American people due to the close proximity of Presidents Washington and Lincoln's birthdays. The shift in name was solidified by the early 2000s, when many states used Presidents' Day on their calendars.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

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