



CIVIC CELEBRATION OF YOUR OWN CREATION

What people, events, or ideas have made a difference in our society and democracy? Create your own Civic Holiday in honor of someone or something you are about!

GET READY

Civic holidays let us celebrate people, historical events, groups, causes and ideas that have made a difference to our communities and to our democracy. We have many civic holidays in the United States - some last a day, some a week, and some months. Explore our national and NC state holidays and discuss what makes each a recognized holiday:



Constitution Center Civic Holidays Calendar <https://bit.ly/2WCPKCU>

NC Governor's Holiday Proclamations
<https://governor.nc.gov/news/procs>

GET SET

What person, event, group, cause or idea - historical or current - do you think deserves its own holiday? If you need to know more about your holiday topic in order to design a celebration around it, do some research on the internet or talking to people or know about your event.

GO!

Tell the world about your new holiday! In writing, drawing/graphs, or through a speech or video, let people know about your new holiday and why it is important. Make sure to include:

- Who/what will your holiday honor and why?
- When will your holiday be celebrated and for how long?
- Would your holiday be a local, national or global event and why?

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- How would the holiday be celebrated? (eg. On the 4th of July we have fireworks & parades; on Martin Luther King Day people perform acts of service)
- Why has your event/person/topic not been recognized with a civic holiday in the past?

GO THE EXTRA MILE!

- ★ Send Kids Voting your civic holiday idea. If we get enough ideas, we can make our own [Kids Voting Civic Calendar](#)
- Apply to have your holiday formally recognized in North Carolina or by the City of Durham. Just submit one of the forms below..

NC Governors Office: Request a Proclamation
governor.nc.gov/request/request-proclamation

City of Durham: Request a Proclamation
<https://durhamnc.gov/3627/Proclamation-Request>

Want to know more about civic holidays? Explore here:

How to Teach about Holidays & History! www.teacher.org/resource/teaching-holidays/
 Activities and lesson plans by grade level related to holidays and history

US Constitution Center: Civic Holidays constitutioncenter.org/learn/civic-calendar

A searchable variety of lesson and activities on Civic Holidays in the US along with a downloadable, printable month-by-month calendar of this year's Civic Holidays!

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