

(c) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe Steelmark Month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1262.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
139(a) .....	36:169e (1st sentence 1st–13th words).	Nov. 2, 1966, Pub. L. 89–703, 80 Stat. 1099.
139(b) .....	36:169e (1st sentence 14th–last words).	
139(c) .....	36:169e (last sentence).	

In subsection (c), the word “activities” is substituted for “proceedings” for consistency in this chapter.

**§ 140. Stephen Foster Memorial Day**

The President may issue each year a proclamation—

- (1) designating January 13 as Stephen Foster Memorial Day; and
- (2) calling on the people of the United States to observe Stephen Foster Memorial Day with appropriate ceremonies, pilgrimages to his shrines, and musical programs featuring his compositions.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1262.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
140 .....	36:158.	Oct. 27, 1951, ch. 593, 65 Stat. 659.

**§ 141. Thomas Jefferson’s birthday**

The President shall issue each year a proclamation—

- (1) calling on officials of the United States Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on April 13; and
- (2) inviting the people of the United States to observe April 13 in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies in commemoration of Thomas Jefferson’s birthday.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1262.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
141 .....	36:149.	Aug. 16, 1937, ch. 666, 50 Stat. 668.

**§ 142. White Cane Safety Day**

The President may issue each year a proclamation—

- (1) designating October 15 as White Cane Safety Day; and
- (2) calling on the people of the United States to observe White Cane Safety Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1262.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
142 .....	36:169d.	Oct. 6, 1964, Pub. L. 88–628, 78 Stat. 1003.

**§ 143. Wright Brothers Day**

(a) DESIGNATION.—December 17 is Wright Brothers Day.

(b) PURPOSE.—Wright Brothers Day commemorates the first successful flights in a heavier than air, mechanically propelled airplane, that were made by Orville and Wilbur Wright on December 17, 1903, near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

(c) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe Wright Brothers Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1262.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
143(a) .....	36:169 (1st sentence words before 1st comma).	Dec. 17, 1963, Pub. L. 88–209, 77 Stat. 402.
143(b) .....	36:169 (1st sentence words after 1st comma).	
143(c) .....	36:169 (last sentence).	

CENTENNIAL OF FLIGHT COMMEMORATION ACT

Pub. L. 105–389, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3486, as amended by Pub. L. 106–68, §1, Oct. 6, 1999, 113 Stat. 981, known as the Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act, established the Centennial of Flight Commission to carry out certain activities related to the history of aviation and the commemoration of the centennial of powered flight, required the Commission to make annual reports and a final report not later than June 30, 2004, and provided that the Commission terminate not later than 60 days after submission of the final report.

**§ 144. Patriot Day**

(a) DESIGNATION.—September 11 is Patriot Day.

(b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation calling on—

- (1) State and local governments and the people of the United States to observe Patriot Day with appropriate programs and activities;
- (2) all departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the United States and interested organizations and individuals to display the flag of the United States at halfstaff on Patriot Day in honor of the individuals who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001; and
- (3) the people of the United States to observe a moment of silence on Patriot Day in honor of the individuals who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001.

(Added Pub. L. 107–89, §1, Dec. 18, 2001, 115 Stat. 876.)

**§ 145. Veterans Day**

The President shall issue each year a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe two minutes of silence on Veterans Day in honor of the service and sacrifice of veterans throughout the history of the Nation, beginning at—

- (1) 3:11 p.m. Atlantic standard time;
- (2) 2:11 p.m. eastern standard time;
- (3) 1:11 p.m. central standard time;
- (4) 12:11 p.m. mountain standard time;
- (5) 11:11 a.m. Pacific standard time;
- (6) 10:11 a.m. Alaska standard time; and
- (7) 9:11 a.m. Hawaii-Aleutian standard time.

(Added Pub. L. 114-240, §2(a), Oct. 7, 2016, 130 Stat. 974.)

**CHAPTER 3—NATIONAL ANTHEM, MOTTO,  
FLORAL EMBLEM, MARCH, AND TREE**

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**AMENDMENTS**

2014—Pub. L. 113-237, §3(c)(1), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 2840, substituted “FLORAL EMBLEM, MARCH” for “FLORAL EMBLEM MARCH” in chapter heading.

2004—Pub. L. 108-447, div. J, title I, §109(b)(2), (3), Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3344, substituted “MARCH, AND TREE” for “, AND MARCH” in chapter heading and added item 305.

**NATIONAL BISON LEGACY**

Pub. L. 114-152, May 9, 2016, 130 Stat. 373, provided that:

**“SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

“This Act may be cited as the ‘National Bison Legacy Act’.

**“SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

“Congress finds that—

“(1) bison are considered a historical symbol of the United States;

“(2) bison were integrally linked with the economic and spiritual lives of many Indian tribes through trade and sacred ceremonies;

“(3) there are more than 60 Indian tribes participating in the Intertribal Buffalo Council;

“(4) numerous members of Indian tribes are involved in bison restoration on tribal land;

“(5) members of Indian tribes have a combined herd on more than 1,000,000 acres of tribal land;

“(6) the Intertribal Buffalo Council is a tribal organization incorporated pursuant to section 17 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (commonly known as the ‘Indian Reorganization Act’) (25 U.S.C. 477) [now 25 U.S.C. 5124];

“(7) bison can play an important role in improving the types of grasses found in landscapes to the benefit of grasslands;

“(8) a small group of ranchers helped save bison from extinction in the late 1800s by gathering the remnants of the decimated herds;

“(9) bison hold significant economic value for private producers and rural communities;

“(10) according to the 2012 Census of Agriculture of the Department of Agriculture, as of 2012, 162,110 head of bison were under the stewardship of private producers, creating jobs and providing a sustainable and healthy meat source contributing to the food security of the United States;

“(11) on December 8, 1905, William Hornaday, Theodore Roosevelt, and others formed the American Bison Society in response to the near extinction of bison in the United States;

“(12) on October 11, 1907, the American Bison Society sent 15 captive-bred bison from the New York Zoological Park, now known as the ‘Bronx Zoo’, to the first wildlife refuge in the United States, which was known as the ‘Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge’, resulting in the first successful reintroduction of a mammal species on the brink of extinction back into the natural habitat of the species;

“(13) in 2005, the American Bison Society was reestablished, bringing together bison ranchers, managers from Indian tribes, Federal and State agencies, conservation organizations, and natural and social scientists from the United States, Canada, and Mexico to create a vision for the North American bison in the 21st century;

“(14) there are bison herds in National Wildlife Refuges and National Parks;

“(15) there are bison in State-managed herds across 11 States;

“(16) there is a growing effort to celebrate and officially recognize the historical, cultural, and economic significance of the North American bison to the heritage of the United States;

“(17) a bison is portrayed on 2 State flags;

“(18) the bison has been adopted by 3 States as the official mammal or animal of those States;

“(19) a bison has been depicted on the official seal of the Department of the Interior since 1912;

“(20) the buffalo nickel played an important role in modernizing the currency of the United States;

“(21) several sports teams have the bison as a mascot, which highlights the iconic significance of bison in the United States;

“(22) in the 2nd session of the 113th Congress, 22 Senators led a successful effort to enact a resolution to designate November 1, 2014, as the third annual National Bison Day; and

“(23) members of Indian tribes, bison producers, conservationists, sportsmen, educators, and other public and private partners have participated in the annual National Bison Day celebration at several events across the United States and are committed to continuing this tradition annually on the first Saturday of November.

**“SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT AND ADOPTION OF THE  
NORTH AMERICAN BISON AS THE NATIONAL  
MAMMAL.**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The mammal commonly known as the ‘North American bison’ is adopted as the national mammal of the United States.

“(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act or the adoption of the North American bison as the national mammal of the United States shall be construed or used as a reason to alter, change, modify, or otherwise affect any plan, policy, management decision, regulation, or other action by the Federal Government.”

**§ 301. National anthem**

(a) DESIGNATION.—The composition consisting of the words and music known as the Star-Spangled Banner is the national anthem.

(b) CONDUCT DURING PLAYING.—During a rendition of the national anthem—

(1) when the flag is displayed—

(A) individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note;

(B) members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform; and