

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2018-4674, by Representatives Chopp, Kristiansen, Appleton, Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Caldier, Chandler, Chapman, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, DeBolt, Dent, Doglio, Dolan, Dye, Eslick, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Graves, Gregerson, Griffey, Haler, Hansen, Hargrove, Harmsworth, Harris, Hayes, Holy, Hudgins, Irwin, Jenkin, Jenkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kloba, Kraft, Kretz, Lovick, Lytton, MacEwen, Macri, Manweller, Maycumber, McBride, McCabe, McCaslin, McDonald, Morris, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Pellicciotti, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reeves, Riccelli, Robinson, Rodne, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Sells, Senn, Shea, Slatter, Smith, Springer, Stambaugh, Stanford, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Sullivan, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Valdez, Van Werven, Vick, Volz, Walsh, Wilcox, Wylie, and Young

1           WHEREAS, Originally established in 1855 to celebrate George  
2 Washington's birthday, the United States celebrates Presidents' Day  
3 on the third Monday of February; and

4           WHEREAS, Washington is the only state named after a president,  
5 the first president of the United States, George Washington; and

6           WHEREAS, George Washington led the Continental Army against the  
7 larger and more powerful British army, triumphed in the face of  
8 adversity, and thus established the United States of America on the  
9 principle of freedom for all; and

10           WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln led the United States of  
11 America through the Civil War, and ended slavery by signing the  
12 Emancipation Proclamation; and

13           WHEREAS, The framers crafted this nation and our Constitution to  
14 protect the freedoms and liberties of all its citizens, and establish  
15 a democratic republic that exemplifies leadership and justice, with a  
16 president operating under the rule of law with the consent of the  
17 governed instead of a king with unlimited power; and

18           WHEREAS, The United States was created as a beacon of hope and  
19 refuge from tyrannical governments by providing liberty to people of  
20 all cultures; and

21           WHEREAS, The Presidents of the United States exemplify fair-  
22 mindedness, determination, and the ability to unite a diverse

1 Congress to pass legislation benefiting every citizen of the United  
2 States; and

3 WHEREAS, No Presidents' Day would be accurately celebrated  
4 without recognizing the strengths and successes of the First Ladies  
5 of the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, The First Ladies of the United States are role models to  
7 all generations of Americans, and consistently prove to be advocates  
8 of equality, even during times of despair; and

9 WHEREAS, The Presidents of the United States and the First Ladies  
10 are protectors of justice for all citizens of the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, Presidents' Day honors all of those who have and who  
12 will sacrifice to lead and protect the United States;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That on this nineteenth day of  
14 February 2018, the House of Representatives of the State of  
15 Washington honor George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and all other  
16 presidents for their contributions to the causes of liberty,  
17 equality, and the pursuit of happiness.

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