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January 1—New Year
Third Monday in January—Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
Third Monday in February—Washington's Birthday/Presidents' Day
May 10—Confederate Memorial Day
Last Monday in May—National Memorial Day
July 4—Independence Day
First Monday in September—Labor Day
November 11—Veterans Day
National Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after
December 24—Christmas Eve
December 25—Christmas Day
December 26—The Day after Christmas

Whenever any of these fall on Sunday, the Monday following is prescribed, and whenever any of these fall on Saturday the preceding Friday is prescribed.