



# Missouri Day



## What is Missouri Day?

This is a state holiday created in 1915 to "teach rising generations of boys and girls the glories of Missouri." It is a celebration of the greatness of our state. Missouri Day is a lens for exploring the wonders and contributions our state has to offer to its people and the nation.

## Who started Missouri Day?

The holiday was the idea of a schoolteacher from Trenton, Missouri named Anna Lee Brosius Korn. She created the day to reflect "upon the achievements of the sons and daughters of Missouri who have given their lives and talents in her varied activities."

## What is the statute that establishes Missouri Day?

**RSMo. 9.040. Missouri Day, third Wednesday of October – how observed.** – The third Wednesday of October of each year is known and designated as "Missouri Day" and is set apart as a day commemorative of Missouri history to be observed by the teachers and pupils of schools with the appropriate exercises. The people of the state of Missouri, and the educational, commercial, political, civic, religious and fraternal organizations of the state of Missouri are requested to devote some part of the day to the methodical consideration of the products of the **mines, fields, and forests** of the state and to the consideration of the achievements of the sons and daughters of Missouri in **commerce, literature, statesmanship, science** and **art**, and in **other departments of activity** in which the state has rendered service to mankind.