



## Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Honors President's Day

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### **\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* Hi everyone, Tom Emmer here. On Monday, our nation will celebrate Presidents Day. Today, Presidents Day is a celebration of American presidents, both past and present, and the importance of the office they hold. What some might not know is that it was originally a celebration of George Washington's birthday. George Washington is one of my favorite presidents, and one of my favorite founders, in my opinion, He's one of the best presidents ever, not just because he helped win the Revolutionary War and because he was a founding father, but because he understood what the role of the president should actually look like. I even keep a portrait of Washington right here in the office, so I'm reminded daily of his principled leadership. In 1789, the people of America unanimously elected George Washington as the first president of the United States. Washington was a reluctant leader, but one that our new nation so desperately needed. Washington once said, and I quote, The Constitution is the guide which I never will abandon. That's something we should all be able to get behind and believe in today. It was purely because of Washington's love for his people and country that he agreed to become this nation's first leader. Greed, power, and ambition were never factors in his decision. This is the number one reason Washington is my favorite. Instead of becoming king for life, he opted to become a civil servant, someone who worked for and cared for the best interests of the American people in this great country. Washington firmly believed in the founding ideals of our country. He was part of writing them, and he actually held true to them during his presidency. Under his leadership, American liberty was firmly established. The precedent that President George Washington set positively impacted this nation, and will continue to do so for generations to come. I'd like to wish you all a happy President's Day, and I hope that you'll take a moment to remember the great leaders like George Washington who have helped the United States become the greatest country in the world.

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