

CAPITOL EVENTS

OFFICE OF THE CAPITOL COMMISSION

MAY/JUNE

2018

May 1-3	Supreme Court in Session	9:00 a.m.	Supreme Court Chamber
May 4	Unionaires Concert sponsored by Union College	Noon	2nd Floor Rotunda
May 5	Mayor's Run 2018 sponsored by Lincoln Track Club	8:00 a.m.	Capitol Sidewalks
May 7	C-SPAN Bus Open House sponsored by C-SPAN	9:00 a.m.	Capitol Exterior
May 7	Governor's Proclamation Signing	11:00 am	Warner Chamber
May 11-19	Peace Officer's Memorial Display sponsored by Nebraska State Patrol	All Day	1st Floor Rotunda
May 19	March for Our Rights sponsored by Peaceful Non-profit Group	12:30 p.m.	North Plaza
May 22-25	Supreme Court in Session	9:00 a.m.	Supreme Court Chamber
May 28	State Holiday Memorial Day	Capitol Open 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
June 4	Governor's Proclamation Signing	11:00 am	Warner Chamber
June 7	Cornhusker Girls State sponsored by The American Legion Auxiliary	2:00 p.m.	2nd Floor Rotunda
June 8	Cornhusker Boys State sponsored by The American Legion	1:00 p.m.	2nd Floor Rotunda
June 9	Girl Awards Ceremony sponsored by Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska Homestead Council	2:00 p.m.	2nd Floor Rotunda
June 11-18	Mari Sandoz Celebration Display sponsored by Mari Sandoz Heritage Society	All Day	1st Floor Rotunda
June 15	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	Evening	Capitol Tower Lighting

May is a significant month in the history of Ponca Chief Standing Bear and human rights for the First People of Nebraska. On May 12, 1879 Judge Elmer Dundy of the United States District Court in Omaha ruled an Indian is a person under the law of the United States and is entitled to rights and protections under the constitution. This landmark decision in Standing Bears lawsuit for a writ of habeas corpus enabled his band of Ponca to return to their homeland along the Niobrara River. A mural on 14th floor of the Nebraska State Capitol shows Standing Bear declaring, I am a man in the courtroom. During the 105th Legislature, the Nebraska Unicameral voted to honor human rights activist Chief Standing Bear and author Willa Cather by replacing the statues of William Jennings Bryan and J. Sterling Morton, currently representing Nebraska in the U. S. Capitols Statuary Hall, with statues of these two significant Nebraskans.