



The Council

Employee Spotlight



Madison Berndt recently graduated from the University of North Dakota with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice studies and a bachelor's degree in political science. Since March 2024, she has worked as a Legislative Administrative Specialist with the Legislative Council while completing her coursework. The Legislative Council staff last week surprised her with cake to celebrate her achievement.



Zachary Weiland joined the Legislative Council as a Public Information Officer. He grew up in Bismarck and graduated from Bismarck State College with an associate's degree in mass communications. After college, he spent 3 years as a journalist for both TV and print publications. In his free time, he enjoys the outdoors, spending time with family and friends, photography, listening to music, and watching his favorite sports teams.

Memorial Day was originally established as Decoration Day on May 30, 1868, to honor Civil War soldiers by decorating their graves with flowers at Arlington National Cemetery. Although it was not an official national holiday, it was widely recognized by all northern states and territories. In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act changing the name to Memorial Day and establishing the holiday as the last Monday in May beginning in 1971.

The Civil Code of the Dakota Territory was amended to include Decoration Day on March 12, 1885. Today, North Dakota Century Code recognizes the holiday as Memorial Day.

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Did You Know?

Legislative Branch Website: FAQs



The [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section provides answers to some of the most asked questions about the legislative branch, including how a bill becomes law, how to testify before a legislative committee, and how to track bills moving through the Legislative Assembly. The section also features a graph that illustrates the biennium cycle.