



MOTHER'S DAY

The first Mother's Day was celebrated in 1908 in Philadelphia. Mother's Day is a modern celebration honoring one's mother, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society.

Anna Jarvis campaigned to make "Mother's Day" a recognized holiday in the United States in 1905, which was the year her beloved mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Reeves Jarvis was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the Civil War and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor mothers, "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world".

In 1908, the U.S. Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday, joking that they would also have to proclaim a "Mother-in-law's Day." Jarvis persevered, and by 1911 all U.S. states observed the holiday. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

