

As a country, it is important for us to pause and reflect, to connect with our past, to remember that which binds us.

Memorial Day is a proud and solemn occasion. Many of us will take time to visit gravesites of relatives or perhaps attend community celebrations of military heroes. We will spend time with family and friends. With feelings of both pride and sorrow, we will remember departed loved ones and unknown heroes who lived and died protecting us.

While we especially honor the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service of our country, we, at the same time, celebrate and support those who continue to put themselves in harm's way on behalf of the well-being of America.

I am proud that so many Memorial Day remembrances happen across Nebraska communities and cities. It is our duty to remember.

I wish you a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day.