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Guess What? The 2nd Annual Nebraska Missing Persons Day to Be Held October 17, 2025

Many Families Still Don't Know This Day Exists — Help Us Change That

**LINCOLN, NE** — Did you know Nebraska has an official day to honor and acknowledge the missing? Many families don't — and we need your help to change that.

On **October 17, 2025**, families from across the state will gather in Lincoln, Nebraska for the **2nd Annual Nebraska Missing Persons Day** — a day created by Nebraska lawmakers to bring visibility to missing persons cases, offer support to families, and remind them they are not alone.

The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the North Plaza of the Nebraska State Capitol, 1445 K Street, in Lincoln.

#### Who Should Attend

Families of the missing, law enforcement, media, advocates, and members of the general public are invited to attend this powerful event — a day of remembrance, solidarity, and shared hope.

Families of missing Nebraskans are encouraged to visit <u>411GINA.org</u> and click on the "Families" button on the homepage to participate.

"There is no centralized way to reach these families directly," said **Jannel Rap**, founder of **GINA for Missing Persons FOUNDation** and one of the event organizers. "That's why we're calling on the public and the press to help spread the word. We want every family with a missing loved one to know this day is for them."

# A Collaboration of Heart and Hope

After 25 years of searching for her own missing sister, **Gina Bos**, Jannel Rap understands firsthand how vital community support can be. Through **GINA for Missing Persons FOUNDation**, she has partnered with families of Nebraska's missing to make this special day possible.

Together, these families and advocates have worked side by side to bring awareness, connection, and healing to those who continue to search. Their efforts — supported by **Senator Danielle Conrad** and **Governor Jim Pillen** — made the establishment of **Nebraska Missing Persons Day** a reality.

### Why It Matters

- 90 Nebraskans have been missing for over a year.
- The longest active case on the Nebraska State Patrol website dates back to 1971.
- While most missing persons are found quickly, many families live in limbo for years—or even decades—without answers.
- This event is an opportunity for healing, connection, and collective action.

# A Date of Deep Meaning

October 17 was chosen in honor of **Gina Bos**, who disappeared from Lincoln in 2000. Her case remains unsolved. Thanks to the tireless efforts of advocates and families, the Nebraska Legislature passed LB 1102 in April 2024, officially designating this date as **Nebraska Missing Persons Day**.

### **About Nebraska Missing Persons Day**

**Nebraska Missing Persons Day** is more than an awareness campaign — it's a day to stand together, to remember the missing, to uplift families, and to renew hope.

GINA's reach now extends to 14 countries, and more than 3,000 people featured through its events and programs have been FOUND. Together, we can make sure no one is forgotten.

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