

*As writer and editor of the influential 19th century's Godey's Ladies Journal, Sarah Joseph Hale lobbied for 0 of Thanksgiving.
*In 1863, she was finally successful when
declared the last
in November as Thanksgiving.
"Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln,
President of the United States, do hereby appoint next as a day which I desire to be observed by all my fellow-citizens, wherever they may then be, as a day of thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, the beneficent Creator and Ruler of the
Universe."
-Oct. 20, 1863

*In 1941,
signed a
bill officially making the in November the
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