

# WHY DENMARK CELEBRATES MAY 1ST

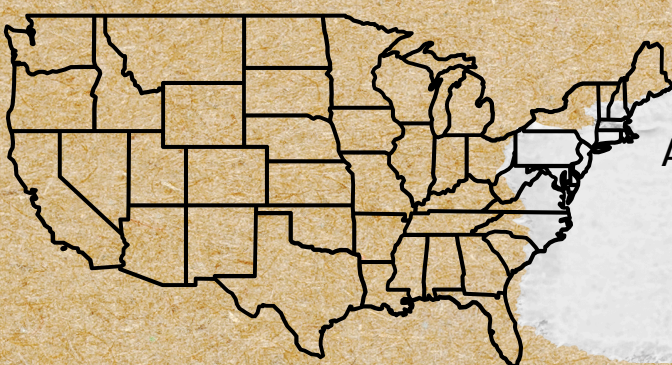
1856

Australian workers began to celebrate the achievement of an eight-hour working day.



1880s

American workers started marking May 1st as a day of protest in support of the eight-hour workday.



1889

Two international workers' congresses took place in Paris – and May 1st was declared International Workers' Day.



1890

May 1st has been a global day of labor demonstrations ever since, celebrating workers' victories and struggles for rights and better conditions.



1918

The 1st of May was marked in socialist regimes across the world, while the date became a national holiday and a showcase of military power in the Soviet Union.



1968

After this period, the New Left started to adopt the day.



1970s

In this decade, the 1st of May evolved into a broader political celebration.



1980s

During this period, the left and trade unions began organizing May 1st events together

