

Day Off for 'Men's Day' Carried Over to November

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The Federal Labor and Employment Service said Monday that there will be no additional day off work in February to celebrate Defender of the Fatherland Day.

The holiday, commonly referred to as "men's day," is celebrated on Feb. 23, which falls on a Sunday this year. Instead of making a three day weekend, the day off will be carried over until Nov. 3, Ivan Shklovets, deputy head of the labor service, said.

The transferred holiday will tie in with National Unity Day on Nov. 4, giving Russians a four day weekend at the start of that month, RIA Novosti reported.

Those longing for a long weekend will get one at the start of March for International Women's Day, which is marked on March 8 — a Saturday this year. Monday, March 10 has been chosen as the day off.

Russians will also have time off on Thursday, May 1 and Friday, May 2 for Labor Day, as well as May 9 for Victory Day.

Most workers will also be free June 12-15 in honor of Russia Day.

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