



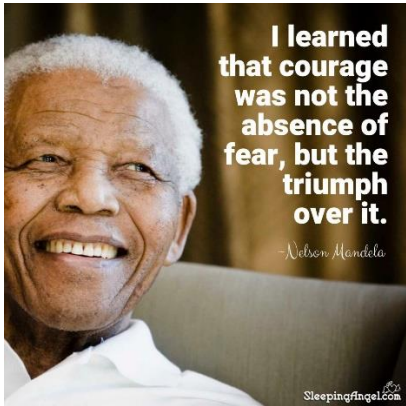


## JULY 2021\*

CULTURAL CELEBRATION/ EVENT	DESCRIPTION
<p style="text-align: center;">July 4 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INDEPENDENCE DAY</p> 	<p>The Fourth of July – also known as Independence Day or July 4th – has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/july-4th">https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/july-4th</a>  <a href="https://www.pbs.org/a-capitol-fourth/history/history-independence-day/">https://www.pbs.org/a-capitol-fourth/history/history-independence-day/</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">July 5 CABO VERDEAN INDEPENDENCE DAY</p> 	<p>In 1956, Amílcar Cabral and a group of fellow Cape Verdeans and Guineans organized (in Portuguese Guinea) the clandestine African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde (PAIGC). It demanded improvement in economic, social and political conditions in Cape Verde and Portuguese Guinea and formed the basis of the two nations' independence movement.</p> <p>A budding independence movement – originally led by Amílcar Cabral, assassinated in 1973 – passed on to his half-brother Luís Cabral and culminated in independence for the archipelago in 1975.</p> <p>Following the April 1974 revolution in Portugal, the PAIGC became an active political movement in Cape Verde. In December 1974, the PAIGC and Portugal signed an agreement providing for a transitional government composed of Portuguese and Cape Verdeans. On 30 June 1975, Cape Verdeans elected a National Assembly which received the instruments of independence from Portugal on 5 July 1975.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cape_Verde">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cape_Verde</a>  <a href="https://www.britannica.com/place/Cabo-Verde/Struggle-for-independence">https://www.britannica.com/place/Cabo-Verde/Struggle-for-independence</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">July 10 THE BAHAMAS INDEPENDENCE DAY</p> 	<p>The Commonwealth of The Bahamas celebrates its <b>Independence Day</b> on July 10. On that day in 1973, the Bahamas gained independence from the United Kingdom. The newly independent state chose to remain a member of the Commonwealth of Nations with Elizabeth II as its queen. The Bahamas is an island country in the Atlantic Ocean located north of Cuba, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti.</p> <p>Independence Day is the <b>national holiday of the Bahamas</b>. A week-long festival begins on July 3, leading up to the official Independence Day celebration in the capital city of Nassau.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://anydayguide.com/calendar/2217">https://anydayguide.com/calendar/2217</a>  <a href="https://aglobalworld.com/holidays-around-the-world/bahamas-independence-day/">https://aglobalworld.com/holidays-around-the-world/bahamas-independence-day/</a></p>

<p><b>July 15</b> <b>WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY (UNITED NATIONS)</b></p> 	<p>In 2014, the United Nations General Assembly declared 15 July as World Youth Skills Day, to celebrate the strategic importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship. Since then, World Youth Skills Day events have provided a unique opportunity for dialogue between young people, technical and vocational education and training (TVET) institutions, firms, employers' and workers' organizations, policy makers and development partners.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-youth-skills-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-youth-skills-day</a></p>
<p><b>July 17 - 22</b> <b>HAJJ DAY (MUSLIM)</b></p> 	<p>Hajj, also spelled ḥadjdj or hadj, in Islam, the pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia, which every adult Muslim must make at least once in his or her lifetime. The hajj is the fifth of the fundamental Muslim practices and institutions known as the Five Pillars of Islam. The pilgrimage rite begins on the 7th day of Dhū al-Ḥijjah (the last month of the Islamic year) and ends on the 12th day.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.britannica.com/topic/hajj">https://www.britannica.com/topic/hajj</a>  <a href="https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/ap-art-history/introduction-cultures-religions-apah/islam-apah/a/hajj">https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/ap-art-history/introduction-cultures-religions-apah/islam-apah/a/hajj</a></p>
<p><b>JULY 18</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL NELSON MANDELA DAY (UNITED NATIONS, UNESCO)</b></p> 	<p>November 2009 - in recognition of the former South African President's contribution to the culture of peace and freedom, UN General Assembly declares 18 July "Nelson Mandela International Day". Resolution A/RES/64/13 recognizes Mandela's values and his dedication to the service of humanity in: conflict resolution; race relations; promotion and protection of human rights; reconciliation; gender equality and the rights of children and other vulnerable groups; the fight against poverty; the promotion of social justice. The resolution acknowledges his contribution to the struggle for democracy internationally and the promotion of a culture of peace throughout the world.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.un.org/en/events/mandeladay/">https://www.un.org/en/events/mandeladay/</a>  <a href="https://www.nelsonmandela.org/content/page/biography">https://www.nelsonmandela.org/content/page/biography</a></p>

**July 20**  
**EID AL-ADHA (MUSLIM)**



Eid al-Adha (Arabic: عيد الأضحى, romanized: *Īd al-ʿAḍḥā*, lit. 'Festival of the Sacrifice') is the latter of the two official holidays celebrated within Islam (the other being Eid al-Fitr). It honors the willingness of Ibrahim (Abraham) to sacrifice his son Ismael as an act of obedience to God's command. Before Ibrahim could sacrifice his son, however, God provided a lamb to sacrifice instead.

**RESOURCES:**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eid\\_al-Adha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eid_al-Adha)  
<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/eid-al-adha>

**July 24**  
**ASALHA PUJA DAY (BUDDHIST)**



Asalha Puja Day (Asanha Puja, Asarnha Bucha, Dhamma Day) is a Buddhist festival that occurs on the full moon of the eighth lunar month, which is usually in July. The festival pays homage to the Buddha and commemorates the Buddha's first sermon and the founding of the Buddha's Sangha - four noble truths.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/buddhist/asalha-puja>

**July 26**  
**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) DAY**



The ADA, a comprehensive civil rights law for people with disabilities, was passed on July 26, 1990. The law prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities, assuring them of equality of opportunity, full community participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency. Today, 1 in 4 Americans with disabilities are able to participate in their communities and workplaces thanks to the ADA. The ADA National Network is proud of its role in supporting the goals of this landmark civil rights law.

Five sections of the ADA relating to public life include:

- Title I – Employment
- Title II – Public Services: State and Local Government
- Title III – Public Accommodations and Services Operated by Private Entities
- Title IV – Telecommunications
- Title V – Miscellaneous Provisions
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**RESOURCES**

<https://adata.org/learn-about-ada>  
<https://thewholeperson.org/30th-anniversary-of-the-ada/ada-30th-anniversary.html>

**July 30**  
**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP**  
**(UNITED NATIONS)**



The International Day of Friendship was proclaimed in 2011 by the UN General Assembly with the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities.

The resolution places emphasis on involving young people, as future leaders, in community activities that include different cultures and promote international understanding and respect for diversity.


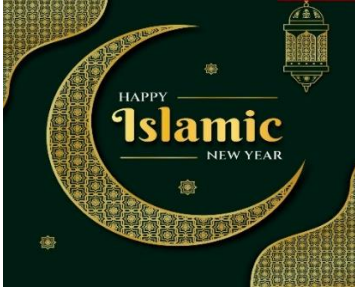

To mark the International Day of Friendship the UN encourages governments, international organizations and civil society groups to hold events, activities and initiatives that contribute to the efforts of the international community towards promoting a dialogue among civilizations, solidarity, mutual understanding and reconciliation.

The International Day of Friendship is an initiative that follows on the proposal made by UNESCO defining the Culture of Peace as a set of values, attitudes and behaviors that reject violence and endeavor to prevent conflicts by addressing their root causes with a view to solving problems. It was then adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1997.


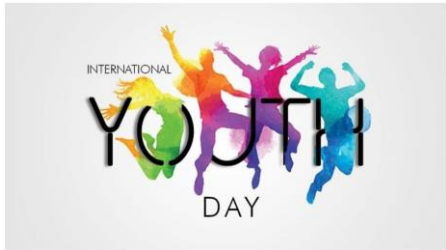

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/friendship-day>

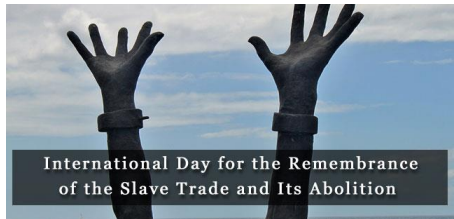
## AUGUST 2021\*

CULTURAL CELEBRATION/ EVENT	DESCRIPTION
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>August 6</b> <b>JAMAICA INDEPENDENCE DAY</b></p> 	<p>On August 6, 1962, Jamaica became an Independent Nation and a member of the British Commonwealth. Jamaica becoming an Independent Nation, now meant that Britain, no longer controlled the affairs of the country. It was now the responsibility of the newly elected Prime Minister and the locally elected Cabinet. Independence also meant that a constitution, symbols, emblems, an army, Jamaican currency and passports had to be developed for the country.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://jis.gov.jm/information/independence/">https://jis.gov.jm/information/independence/</a> </p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>August 9</b> <b>ISLAMIC NEW YEAR (MUSLIM)</b></p> 	<p>The Islamic New Year — also known as the Arabic New Year or Hijri New Year — is the first day of Muharram, the first month in the Islamic calendar. The first year of this calendar began in Gregorian CE 622 when the Prophet Muhammad emigrated from Mecca to Medina with his companions. In the Islamic calendar, days begin at sunset. The event falls on a different day every year because the Islamic year is 11 to 12 days shorter. As rituals and prayers mark the occasion, Muharram is known as the month of remembrance and is sacred to Muslims across the world.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://nationaltoday.com/islamic-new-year/">https://nationaltoday.com/islamic-new-year/</a> </p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>August 9</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (UNITED NATIONS)</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues</p>	<p>The <b>International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples</b> is observed on 9 August each year to raise awareness and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population. This event also recognizes the achievements and contributions that indigenous people make to improve world issues such as environmental protection. It was first pronounced by the United Nations General Assembly in December 1994, marking the day of the first meeting of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in 1982.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Day_of_the_World%27s_Indigenous_Peoples">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Day_of_the_World%27s_Indigenous_Peoples</a>   <a href="https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/international-day-of-the-worlds-indigenous-peoples.html">https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/international-day-of-the-worlds-indigenous-peoples.html</a> </p>



<p><b>August 10</b> <b>ECUADOR INDEPENDENCE DAY</b></p> 	<p>Ecuadorian Independence Day celebrates independence from Spain on August 10. On this day in 1809, Criollo rebels took over the Ecuadorian capital Quito. In Spanish, it is “El Dia del Primer Grito de Independencia de Quito” (The day of the first declaration of independence of Quito)</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.newyorklatinculture.com/ecuadorian-independence-day/">https://www.newyorklatinculture.com/ecuadorian-independence-day/</a>  <a href="https://www.ecuatraveling.com/8-holiday-traditions-to-embrace-in-ecuador/">https://www.ecuatraveling.com/8-holiday-traditions-to-embrace-in-ecuador/</a></p>
<p><b>August 12</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY (UNITED NATIONS)</b></p> 	<p>The United Nations’ (UN) International Youth Day is celebrated on August 12 each year to recognize efforts of the world’s youth in enhancing global society. It also aims to promote ways to engage them in becoming more actively involved in making positive contributions to their communities</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/international-youth-day">https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/international-youth-day</a>  <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/youth-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/youth-day</a></p>
<p><b>August 21</b> <b>SENIOR CITIZENS DAY</b></p> 	<p>National Senior Citizens Day recognizes seniors who have spent their lives contributing to society and have impacted everyone’s lives for the better. Improved healthcare has changed demographics and increased productivity of older citizens, allowing them to be more active than ever before. With more opportunities available as well, many senior citizens now begin second careers and are an example for younger generations. The country’s foundation and stable sectors are the result of the hard work of our senior citizens and they deserve all our gratitude.</p> <p>President Ronald Reagan took the initiative to honor seniors in 1988 when he signed Proclamation 5847 and marked August 21 as the day seniors will be celebrated. “Throughout our history, older people have achieved much for our families, our communities, and our country. That remains true today, and gives us ample reason this year to reserve a special day in honor of the senior citizens who mean so much to our land,” Reagan proclaimed.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://nationaltoday.com/national-senior-citizens-day/">https://nationaltoday.com/national-senior-citizens-day/</a></p>

**August 23**  
**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE**  
**REMEMBRANCE OF THE SLAVE TRADE**  
**AND ITS ABOLITION (UNESCO)**



The night of 22 to 23 August 1791, in Santo Domingo (today Haiti and the Dominican Republic) saw the beginning of the uprising that would play a crucial role in the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade.

It is against this background that the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition is commemorated on 23 August each year.

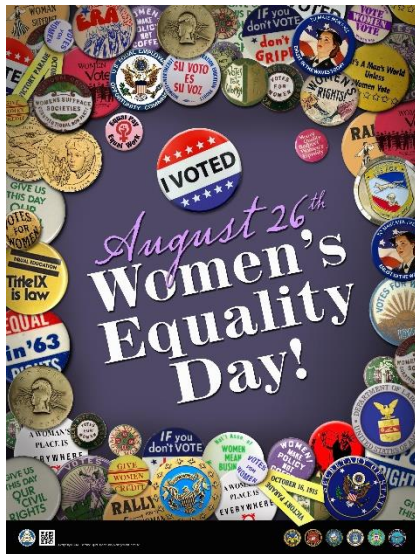
This International Day is intended to inscribe the tragedy of the slave trade in the memory of all peoples. In accordance with the goals of the intercultural project "The Slave Route", it should offer an opportunity for collective consideration of the historic causes, the methods and the consequences of this tragedy, and for an analysis of the interactions to which it has given rise between Africa, Europe, the Americas and the Caribbean.

**RESOURCES**

<https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/slavetraderemembranceday>

<https://gctpnnews.org/international-day-for-the-remembrance-of-the-slave-trade-and-its-abolition-23-august-2017/>

**August 26**  
**WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY**



Women's Equality Day, August 26th, commemorates the struggles of women to be heard, as fierce advocates who gained the statutory right to vote. Also, known as women's suffrage, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guarantees all American women the right to vote. The Amendment changed Federal law and the face of the American electorate forever. Women won legal recognition as equal citizens under the 19th Amendment. While women in some states could already vote before 1920, women in some states – particularly those of color – were blocked from voting after ratification.

Additionally, the voting rights of Native American women were not recognized until 1924. For Chinese American women, it was 1943, and for Japanese and other Asian American women it was 1952.

While African American women were quite active in the women's suffrage movement of the early 19th century, they remained barred from voting for decades after their white counterparts. It wasn't until passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965, that African American women were granted the right to vote.




Women's Equality Day gives us an opportunity to reflect on the continuing struggle for equality in the workplace and the role of women in our public life. Women in public service and government have long served this nation by working to clear barriers, enforce laws, implement new ideas, and change people's attitudes.

**RESOURCES:**


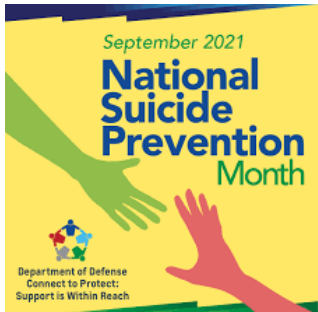


<https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/resources/commemorations/womens-equality-day/>

<https://www.dodea.edu/dodeaCelebrates/Women-s-Equality-Day.cfm>

## SEPTEMBER 2021\*

CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS/EVENTS	DESCRIPTIONS
<p>September 15-October 15 <b>NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH</b></p> 	<p>In 2021, <u>Hispanic Heritage Month</u> begins on September 15 and ends October 15, as it has every year since 1989. This year's theme is: <i>"Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope"</i>. This celebration traverses two months because September 15 is a key date in the history of several Latin American countries: It's when Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua declared their independence from Spain in 1821. Hispanic Heritage Month is a time for Americans (those who identify as Hispanic) to celebrate the traditions and history unique to their cultural background.</p> <p>This is a great opportunity to learn more about the cultures of the 21 Spanish-speaking countries and territories honored during these four weeks.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.womenshealthmag.com/life/a37168158/hispanic-heritage-month-facts/">https://www.womenshealthmag.com/life/a37168158/hispanic-heritage-month-facts/</a>  <a href="https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/">https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/</a>  <a href="https://www.oprahdaily.com/life/g36651645/hispanic-heritage-month-activities/">https://www.oprahdaily.com/life/g36651645/hispanic-heritage-month-activities/</a></p>
<p><b>NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH</b></p> 	<p>National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. The 2021 theme is <b>"Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love."</b></p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.ready.gov/kids">https://www.ready.gov/kids</a></p>
<p><b>NATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH</b></p> 	<p>In 2012, President Obama proclaimed <b>September</b> as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month to bring awareness to pediatric cancer, which remains <b>the leading cause of death by disease for children under the age of 14.</b></p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.stjude.org/get-involved/other-ways/childhood-cancer-awareness-month.html">https://www.stjude.org/get-involved/other-ways/childhood-cancer-awareness-month.html</a>  <a href="http://www.danafarberbostonchildrens.org/for-families/childhood-cancer-awareness-month.aspx">http://www.danafarberbostonchildrens.org/for-families/childhood-cancer-awareness-month.aspx</a>  <a href="https://www.alexslimonade.org/newsroom/news/september-national-childhood-cancer-awareness-month">https://www.alexslimonade.org/newsroom/news/september-national-childhood-cancer-awareness-month</a></p>



<p><b>NATIONAL SCHOOL SUCCESS MONTH</b></p> 	<p>September is National School Success Month, and it's a great time to help children decide on the goals to achieve this school year. Setting goals is a significant motivator for working hard; helping to boost confidence and self-esteem. As children achieve goals, they develop a sense of discipline, even when they grow older.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="http://motherearthproductsblog.com/index.php/2019/09/01/national-school-success-month/">http://motherearthproductsblog.com/index.php/2019/09/01/national-school-success-month/</a>  <a href="https://www.ed.gov/parents/countdown-success">https://www.ed.gov/parents/countdown-success</a></p>
<p><b>NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH</b></p> 	<p>September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month — a time to raise awareness on this stigmatized, and often taboo, topic. There are an average of 123 suicides each day in this country. It's the tenth leading cause of death in America — second leading for ages 25-34, and third leading for ages 15-24. In addition to shifting public perception, this month is used to spread hope and vital information to people affected by suicide.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.nami.org/get-involved/awareness-events/suicide-prevention-awareness-month">https://www.nami.org/get-involved/awareness-events/suicide-prevention-awareness-month</a>  <a href="https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/promote-national-suicide-prevention-month/">https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/promote-national-suicide-prevention-month/</a></p>
<p><b>September 2 INDEPENDENCE DAY (VIETNAM)</b></p> 	<p>National Day (Vietnamese: Ngày Quốc Khánh) is a holiday in Vietnam observed on September 2. This holiday commemorates the country's Declarations of Independence from France and Japan in 1945. On September 2nd, 1945, thousands of Vietnamese people gathered in Ba Dinh Square, Hanoi to listen to the Declaration of Independence read by Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam's first president. Vietnamese people usually celebrate this meaningful occasion by returning to their hometown to visit old friends and family or traveling to other cities. There are speeches, parades, fireworks, and other festivities across the country, with a large march in Ba Dinh Square. The national flag of Vietnam is displayed everywhere and large posters of 'Uncle Ho' adorn city walls.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/vietnam-independence-proclaimed">https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/vietnam-independence-proclaimed</a></p>
<p><b>September 3 SIGNING OF THE TREATY OF PARIS</b></p> 	<p>The Treaty of Paris was signed by U.S. and British Representatives on <b>September 3, 1783</b>, ending the War of the American Revolution. Based on a 1782 preliminary treaty, the agreement recognized U.S. independence and granted the U.S. significant western territory.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/treaty-of-paris-signed">https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/treaty-of-paris-signed</a>  <a href="http://www.benjamin-franklin-history.org/treaty-of-paris/">http://www.benjamin-franklin-history.org/treaty-of-paris/</a></p>

**September 3**  
**NATIONAL FOOD BANK DAY**



National Food Bank Day is created by St. Mary's Food bank, a non-profit foundation founded by John Ven Hengel in the year 1967 as a part of his social activities. In order to prevent wastage of groceries, Van Hengel eventually formed this St. Mary's foundation and hence became a pioneer in the food banking system. Moreover, the idea has reached all over the country leading to the formation of several such food banks. To commemorate his extraordinary works in this regard, a day was selected on behalf of John Hengel and named as National Food Bank Day. The Main motto of this foundation is **"NO ONE SHOULD BE HUNGRY"**.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.nationaldaystoday.com/national-food-bank-day/>  
<https://www.feedingamerica.org/take-action/hunger-action-month>

**September 5**  
**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHARITY (UN)**

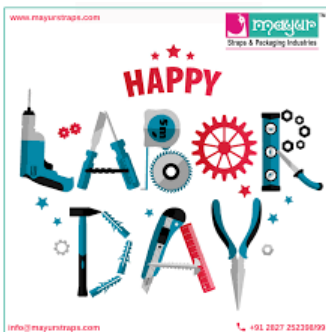


The International Day of Charity was established with the objective of sensitizing and mobilizing people, NGOs, and stakeholders all around the world to help others through volunteer and philanthropic activities. The date of 5 September was chosen in order to commemorate the anniversary of the passing away of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 "for work undertaken in the struggle to overcome poverty and distress, which also constitute a threat to peace."

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/charity-day>  
<https://nationaltoday.com/international-day-charity/>

**September 6**  
**LABOR DAY (US)**



Labor Day is a time to pay tribute to American workers, and all of their many contributions and achievements through the years. Created by the labor movement in the late 19th century, Labor Day honors the men and women who fought tirelessly for workers' rights, especially the eight-hour work day we have now. While celebrating Labor Day, it is a good idea to take some time out to reflect and pay respect to all the workers, past and present, who have made America the country it is today.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.thepioneerwoman.com/holidays-celebrations/a36597519/when-is-labor-day/>  
<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/labor-day-1>

**September 6  
BRAZIL INDEPENDENCE DAY**



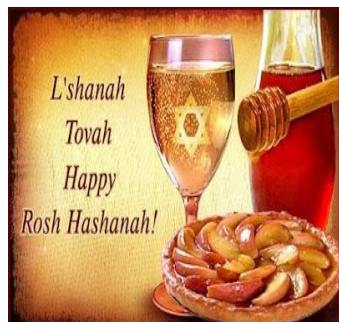
Brazil celebrates Independence Day on September 7 — or as they say in Brazil — Sete de Setembro! When Dom Pedro's father (Portuguese King Dom João VI) returned to Portugal in 1821, Dom Pedro took over, eventually declaring allegiance with Brazil. Brazilian independence was officially proclaimed September 22, 1822 (although now Independence Day is celebrated on September 7).

After independence, the monarchy remained but was later overthrown. During celebrations today, the streets are full of patriotic Brazilians waving flags and banners, as well as singing and dancing among family and friends. Viva Brazil!

**RESOURCES:**

<https://rioandlearn.com/independence-day-in-brazil/>  
<https://www.portuguese101.com/blog/2019/08/16/independence-day/>

**September 6-8  
ROSH HASHANAH**

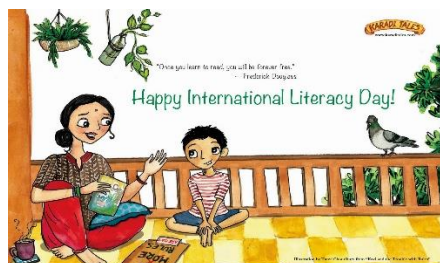


Rosh Hashanah, literally meaning "head [of] the year", is the Jewish New Year. The biblical name for this holiday is Yom Teruah, literally "day of shouting or blasting", and is also more commonly known in English as the Feast of Trumpets.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/rosh-hashanah-101/>  
<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/rosh-hashanah-history>

**September 8  
INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY**



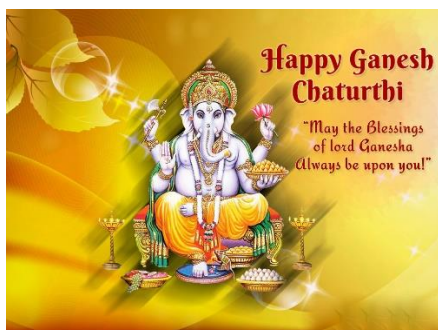
Since 1967, International Literacy Day (ILD) celebrations have taken place annually around the world to remind the public of the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights, and to advance the literacy agenda towards a more literate and sustainable society. Despite progress made, literacy challenges persist with at least 773 million young people and adults lacking basic literacy skills today.

**2021 Theme: "Literacy for a human-centered recovery: Narrowing the digital divide"**

**RESOURCES:**

<https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/literacyday>  
<https://uil.unesco.org/literacy/learning-families>

**September 10**  
**GANESH CHATURTHI (INDIA)**



Ganesh Chaturthi / Ganesh Puja is majorly a national festival, which is marked with the installation of Ganesh clay idols both publicly and privately. The festival celebrates Lord Vinayaka or Ganesh as the God of new beginnings and remover of hurdles. Lord Ganesh is worshipped for prosperity and knowledge. This holiday is celebrated in the following states in India: *Maharashtra, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh.*

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.bankbazaar.com/indian-holiday/ganesh-chaturthi-holiday.html>  
<https://www.news18.com/news/lifestyle/ganesh-chaturthi-2021-know-the-date-shubh-muhurat-and-puja-vidhi-4058531.html>

**September 10**  
**WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY**



One in every 100 deaths worldwide is the result of suicide. It can affect every one of us. Each and every suicide is devastating and has a profound impact on those around them. However, by raising awareness, reducing the stigma around suicide and encouraging well-informed action, we can reduce instances of suicide around the world. World Suicide Prevention Day is an opportunity to raise awareness of suicide and to promote action through proven means that will reduce the number of suicides and suicide attempts globally.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.iasp.info/wspd2021/>  
<https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/suicide>

**September 11**  
**PATRIOT DAY (USA)**




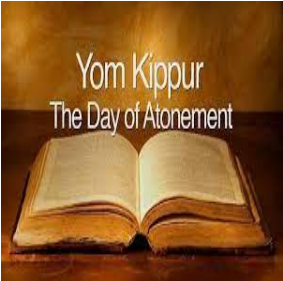


Patriot Day is an annual observance on September 11 to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001. Many Americans refer to Patriot Day as 9/11 or September 11.

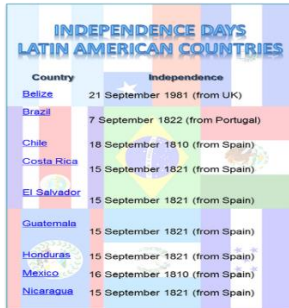
**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.learningliftoff.com/talking-to-your-kids-about-patriot-day-9-11/>  
[https://www.ducksters.com/holidays/patriot\\_day.php](https://www.ducksters.com/holidays/patriot_day.php)



<p><b>September 12</b> <b>GRANDPARENTS' DAY</b></p> 	<p>On the first Sunday after Labor Day we celebrate National Grandparents Day. This year the date falls on September 12. Grandparents and children have a special connection that is proven to both make grandparents live longer and make children more emotionally resilient. Grandparents Day is an opportunity to treasure that connection and spend some quality family time together.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://grandparentsday.org/">https://grandparentsday.org/</a>  <a href="https://legacyproject.org/guides/gpdhistory.html">https://legacyproject.org/guides/gpdhistory.html</a></p>
<p><b>September 12</b> <b>NATIONAL DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT</b></p> 	<p>The National Day of Encouragement, celebrated since 2007, is a day meant to remind us that encouragement matters. It all started when a group of high school students attending a leadership forum were asked to come up with a solution to the biggest problem that faced young people in their day.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://dayofencouragement.org/">https://dayofencouragement.org/</a>  <a href="https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-day-of-encouragement/">https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-day-of-encouragement/</a></p>
<p><b>September 13</b> <b>POSITIVE THINKING DAY</b></p> 	<p>Positive Thinking Day is a time set aside each year to concentrate on all things positive. An American entrepreneur started this day in 2003 so that people could commemorate the many rewards that can be found in thinking positively.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://kwiklearning.com/kwik-tips/how-to-celebrate-positive-thinking-day-this-year/">https://kwiklearning.com/kwik-tips/how-to-celebrate-positive-thinking-day-this-year/</a>  <a href="https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/positive-thinking-day/">https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/positive-thinking-day/</a></p>
<p><b>September 15-16</b> <b>YOM KIPPUR (JEWISH HOLIDAY)</b></p> 	<p>Otherwise known as the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur is considered the holiest day in Judaism. The holiday lasts approximately 25 hours and is typically observed with fasting and prayer in alignment with the themes of atonement and repentance. On Yom Kippur, people who observe the holiday are asked to abstain from food and drink. It is also encouraged that people spend the day asking God's forgiveness for their sins and donating to charity.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://nationaltoday.com/yom-kippur/">https://nationaltoday.com/yom-kippur/</a>  <a href="https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/yom-kippur-2021/">https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/yom-kippur-2021/</a></p>

**September 15**  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY (CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES & MEXICO)**



Country	Independence
Belize	21 September 1981 (from UK)
Brazil	7 September 1822 (from Portugal)
Chile	18 September 1810 (from Spain)
Costa Rica	15 September 1821 (from Spain)
El Salvador	15 September 1821 (from Spain)
Guatemala	15 September 1821 (from Spain)
Honduras	15 September 1821 (from Spain)
Mexico	16 September 1810 (from Spain)
Nicaragua	15 September 1821 (from Spain)

September 15th marks the day when five countries in Central America declared independence from Spain in 1821. Nicaragua, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, joined together against Spanish forces to gain their collective (and individual) independence. During the entire month of September, these countries celebrate with their own vibrant traditions, from parades to piñatas, dancing in the streets, and speeches from public officials.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.womenshealthmag.com/life/a37168158/hispanic-heritage-month-facts/>  
<https://latinostories.com/latin-american-independence-days/>  
<https://blog.remitly.com/lifestyle-culture/independence-day-celebrations-september-15th/>

**September 16-19**  
**GREEK FESTIVAL**



A **Greek festival** or **Greek Fest** is an annual celebration of Greek culture presented by many ethnic Greek American communities and organization in the United States and Canada, particularly Greek Orthodox churches. Typically, these events are intended for attendance by the general public. Attendees can sample Greek music, cuisine, and dance, typically performed in traditional dress.

**RESOURCES:**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek\\_festival](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_festival)  
<https://www.greekboston.com/event/festival-brockton-ma/>

**September 17**  
**CONSTITUTION DAY & CITIZENSHIP DAY**



On September 17, 1787, the Founding Fathers signed the U.S. Constitution. For the past 225 years, the Constitution has served as the Supreme Law of the land. The Constitution, along with the Bill of Rights and other amendments, define our government and guarantee the rights of American citizens. Each year, on September 17, Americans celebrate Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. In addition, September 17-23 is also recognized as Constitution Week. During this time, Americans are encouraged to reflect on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and what it means to be a U.S. citizen.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/resources-for-educational-programs/constitution-day-and-citizenship-day>  
<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/fund/guid/constitutionday.html>

September 17  
**NATIONAL HEROES' DAY (ANGOLA)**



National Hero's Day is a public holiday in Angola on September 17th each year. This holiday is observed on the birthday of the national hero Antonio Agostinho Neto who was born on this day in 1922.

Antonio Agostinho Neto fought for Angola's freedom from Portugal and was Angola's first president in 1975.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/angola/angolan-national-heroes-day>

<https://www.casafira.es/en/person/antonio-agostinho-neto>

Downloadable link to A. Neto's poetry:

<https://1lib.us/book/2167421/37c0c6?id=2167421&secret=37c0c6>

September 18  
**INTERNATIONAL EQUAL PAY DAY (UN)**



Globally, despite decades of activism, and dozens of laws on equal pay, women still earn less than 80 cents for every dollar men earn. For women with children, women of color, women refugees and migrants, and women with disabilities, that figure is even lower. Women workers' average pay is generally lower than men's in all countries, across all sectors, for all levels of education, and age groups. While gender pay gap estimates can vary substantially across regions and even within countries, higher income countries tend to have lower levels of wage inequality compared to low and middle-income countries.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/09/1072722>





September 20-27  
**SUKKOT**



Sukkot begins five days after Yom Kippur. The name Sukkot (Succoth) is the Hebrew word for the booths or huts that the Jewish people are supposed to dwell in during this week-long celebration. According to rabbinic tradition, these sukkot represent the tents (huts) in which the Israelites lived during their 40 years of wandering in the desert after escaping from slavery in Egypt. "The festival of Sukkot is one of the three great pilgrimage festivals (*chaggim* or *regalim*) of the Jewish year."

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/sukkot-101/>

<p><b>September 21</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE</b></p>  <p>Nothing is more precious than peace. Peace is the most basic starting point for the advancement of humankind. Daisaku Ikeda</p> <p><small>©2015 Treadwell.com.au Activities &amp; Support for Peace Education</small></p>	<p>The International Day of Peace was <u>established</u> in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly. Two decades later, in 2001, the General Assembly unanimously voted to <u>designate</u> the Day as a period of non-violence and cease-fire.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-peace">https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-peace</a>  <a href="https://internationaldayofpeace.org/">https://internationaldayofpeace.org/</a></p>
<p><b>September 22</b> <b>AUTUMNAL EQUINOX</b></p> 	<p>In 2021, the autumnal equinox — also called the September equinox or fall equinox — arrives on Wednesday, September 22. Fall begins in the Northern Hemisphere and spring begins in the Southern Hemisphere.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.almanac.com/content/first-day-fall-autumnal-equinox">https://www.almanac.com/content/first-day-fall-autumnal-equinox</a></p>
<p><b>September 23</b> <b>BI VISIBILITY DAY</b></p> 	<p>This celebration of bisexuality in particular, as opposed to general LGBT events, was conceived as a response to the prejudice and marginalization of bisexual people by some in both the straight and greater LGBT communities.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://bivisibilityday.com/">https://bivisibilityday.com/</a>  <a href="https://www.pinknews.co.uk/2018/09/22/what-is-bi-visibility-day-and-why-is-it-important/">https://www.pinknews.co.uk/2018/09/22/what-is-bi-visibility-day-and-why-is-it-important/</a></p>
<p><b>September 23</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SIGN LANGUAGES</b></p> 	<p>According to the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD), there are approximately 72 million deaf people worldwide. More than 80% of them live in developing countries. Collectively, they use more than 300 different sign languages. The International Day of Sign Languages is an unique opportunity to support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of all deaf people and other sign language users. The International Day of Sign Languages was first celebrated in 2018 as part of the <u>International Week of the Deaf</u>.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/sign-languages-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/sign-languages-day</a>  video: Actor Nyle DeMarco re: UN International Day of Sign Languages  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwdgXmbz6Tw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwdgXmbz6Tw</a></p>



**September 25  
NATIONAL COMIC BOOK DAY**



Every year on September 25th, National Comic Book Day honors the art, artists and the stories of comic books. Fans and collectors, readers and artists come together to celebrate the day with events across the country.

**Fun fact:** People who collect comic books are known as *pannapictagraphist*.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.dccomics.com/blog/2021/05/24/dc-unveils-its-highly-anticipated-line-up-for-free-comic-book-day-2021>

<https://www.how-to-draw-funny-cartoons.com/manga-facts.html>

<https://www.creators.com/features/wee-pals>

**September 28  
INTERNATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION  
DAY**



Every year millions of Americans find themselves unable to vote because they miss a registration deadline, don't update their registration, or aren't sure how to register. **National Voter Registration Day** wants to make sure everyone has the opportunity to vote. This non-partisan, unofficial national holiday aims at encouraging all eligible voters to register and make their voices heard has been observed since 2012.




**RESOURCES:**


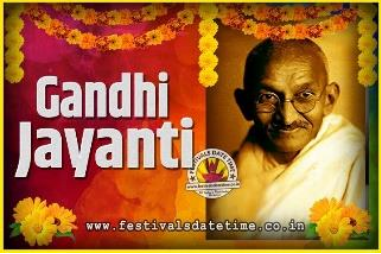
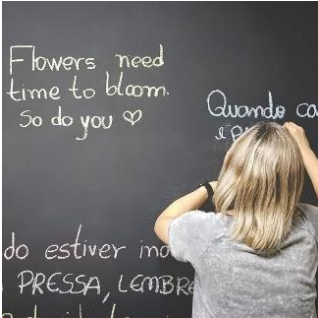
<https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org/>

<https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org/toolkit-for-individuals/>




# OCTOBER 2021\*




CUTURAL CELEBRATIONS/ EVENTS	DESCRIPTION
<p><b>September 15-October 15</b> <b>NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH</b></p> 	<p>In 2021, <u>Hispanic Heritage Month</u> begins on September 15 and ends October 15, as it has every year since 1989. This year's theme is: <i>"Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope"</i>. This celebration traverses two months because September 15 is a key date in the history of several Latin American countries: It's when Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua declared their independence from Spain in 1821. Hispanic Heritage Month is a time for Americans (those who identify as Hispanic) to celebrate the traditions and history unique to their cultural background.</p> <p>This is a great opportunity to learn more about the cultures of the 21 Spanish-speaking countries and territories honored during these four weeks.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.womenshealthmag.com/life/a37168158/hispanic-heritage-month-facts/">https://www.womenshealthmag.com/life/a37168158/hispanic-heritage-month-facts/</a>  <a href="https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/">https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/</a>  <a href="https://www.oprahdaily.com/life/g36651645/hispanic-heritage-month-activities/">https://www.oprahdaily.com/life/g36651645/hispanic-heritage-month-activities/</a></p>
<p><b>NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH</b></p> 	<p><b>National Bullying Prevention Month is a month long event to prevent childhood bullying and promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.</b> National Bullying Prevention Month was created by PACER and started as a weekly observation in 2006. In 2010 the observation changed to monthly.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/">https://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/</a>  <a href="https://youth.gov/feature-article/national-bullying-prevention-month">https://youth.gov/feature-article/national-bullying-prevention-month</a></p>
<p><b>NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH</b></p> 	<p>National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is held each October to commemorate the many and varied contributions of people with disabilities to America's workplaces and economy. The purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate the general public about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. The theme for NDEAM 2021 is "America's Recovery: Powered by Inclusion."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam/educators">https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam/educators</a>  <a href="https://www.loc.gov/disability-employment-awareness-month/about/">https://www.loc.gov/disability-employment-awareness-month/about/</a></p>





<p><b>LGBT+ HISTORY MONTH</b></p> 	<p>LGBT+ History Month was created in 1994 by Rodney Wilson, a high school history teacher in Missouri. In 1995, a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the National Education Association included LGBT History Month within a list of commemorative months. October was selected to coincide with National Coming Out Day (Oct. 11), which was already established, and the anniversary of the first march on Washington for gay and lesbian rights in 1979.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b></p> <p><a href="https://lgbthistorymonth.com/">https://lgbthistorymonth.com/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.ucf.edu/news/why-do-we-celebrate-pride-month-in-june-and-lgbt-history-month-in-October/">https://www.ucf.edu/news/why-do-we-celebrate-pride-month-in-june-and-lgbt-history-month-in-October/</a></p>
<p><b>GLOBAL DIVERSITY AWARENESS MONTH</b></p> 	<p>During the month of October, we celebrate Global Diversity Awareness Month by honoring the diverse minds and beliefs held by all cultures around the world. We live in a multicultural society and embracing the values of various cultures strengthens our understanding and appreciation of the world.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b></p> <p><a href="https://nationaltoday.com/global-diversity-awareness-month/#how-to">https://nationaltoday.com/global-diversity-awareness-month/#how-to</a></p> <p><a href="https://thediversitymovement.com/global-diversity-awareness-month/">https://thediversitymovement.com/global-diversity-awareness-month/</a></p>
<p><b>NATIONAL ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH</b></p> 	<p>Italian American Heritage Month is celebrated every year to honor and recognize the centuries of achievements, successes, and valuable contributions of Italian immigrants and Italian Americans. Italian American Heritage Month was first celebrated in 1989 by a special proclamation of both Congress and President George H. W. Bush.</p> <p>Over 5 million Italians immigrated to the United States between 1820 and 2000. Currently, there are over 26 million Americans of Italian descent residing in the United States. Italian-Americans the fifth largest ethnic group in our nation. Each year Italians around the country take time to celebrate their heritage, history, and culture with festivals and parades.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.osia.org/commission-for-social-justice/italian-heritage-month/">https://www.osia.org/commission-for-social-justice/italian-heritage-month/</a></p> <p><a href="https://italialiving.com/articles/lifestyle/national-italian-american-heritage-month/">https://italialiving.com/articles/lifestyle/national-italian-american-heritage-month/</a></p>

<p><b>October 2</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE (UN)</b></p> 	<p>The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on 2 October, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement. He is noted as being one of the pioneers of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence.</p> <p>In June 2007, the United Nations declared October 2<sup>nd</sup> to be the International Day of Non-Violence as an occasion to "disseminate the message of non-violence, including through education and public awareness".</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/non-violence-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/non-violence-day</a>  <a href="https://nationaltoday.com/international-day-non-violence/">https://nationaltoday.com/international-day-non-violence/</a></p>
<p><b>October 2</b> <b>GANDHI JAYANTI (INDIA-M. GANDHI'S BIRTHDAY)</b></p> 	<p>Gandhi Jayanti is a national holiday celebrated on October 2nd across India to mark the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, known by many Indians as the "Father of the Nation". On this day, Indians have prayer services all over India, and especially at Raj Ghat, Gandhi's memorial in New Delhi where he was cremated. Other ways that the people of India celebrate this day is to have commemorative ceremonies, painting and essay competitions on the themes of glorifying peace, non-violence and Gandhi's effort in Indian Freedom Struggle. Oftentimes Gandhi's favorite devotional song, <i>Raghupathi Raghava Rajaram</i> is sung in memory of him. On this day, the sale of alcohol is not permitted.</p> <p>The impact and fame of Gandhi has reached so far beyond India that the International Day of Nonviolence is celebrated worldwide on his birthday.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/india/mahatma-gandhi-birthday">https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/india/mahatma-gandhi-birthday</a></p>
<p><b>October 5</b> <b>WORLD TEACHER'S DAY (UNESCO/ILO)</b></p> 	<p>On World Teacher's Day, the teachers' contributions to education are acknowledged. The teachers' role and importance for the development of students and society is appreciated on this Day. This Day of honor began by UNESCO in 1994.</p> <p>Teacher's Day is an occasion that honors teachers and causes us to take pause to consider how to resolve some of the issues regarding their profession. One of the goals of this Day is to create ways to attract the brightest young minds towards this profession.</p> <p>The theme for 2021 is "<b>Recover and Revitalize Education for the COVID-19 Generation.</b>"</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://internationaleventday.com/event/world-teachers-day/">https://internationaleventday.com/event/world-teachers-day/</a>  <a href="https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/worldteachersday">https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/worldteachersday</a></p>



<p><b>October 5-14</b> <b>NAVARATI</b></p> 	<p><b>Navratri</b>, (Sanskrit: “nine nights”) (full spelling <b>Sharad Navratri</b>) is also spelled <b>Navaratri</b> or <b>Durga Puja</b>. It is a Hindu major festival held to honor the divine feminine, Devi (known as great goddess and divine mother) and the other goddesses. During this festival of nine nights, there is Garba dancing and feasts to give honor to the goddesses. Others celebrate this holiday by fasting and introspection.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.siddhayoga.org/navaratri/about-navaratri">https://www.siddhayoga.org/navaratri/about-navaratri</a></p>
<p><b>October 8</b> <b>MAWLID AN-NABI (SUNNI MUSLIM)</b></p> 	<p>The Mawlid al-Nabawi is the <i>Sunni</i> Muslim <b>celebration of the birth of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him)</b>. While some groups do not approve of this celebration, the overwhelming majority of Muslims take part in it in one form or another.</p> <p>Some expressions that are said in celebration of this day are:  “May you celebrate the occasion of Mawlid Al Nabi offering prayers to Allah, spending time with your loved ones. <b>Happy Mawlid Al Nabi.</b>”  “Wishing a very memorable and blessed Mawlid Al Nabi to you my dear. May your life be always showered with love and blessings of Allah.”</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://nationaltoday.com/milad-nabi-mawlid/">https://nationaltoday.com/milad-nabi-mawlid/</a>  <a href="https://www.egypttoday.com/Article/1/34904/Why-do-Muslims-celebrate-Mawlid-al-Nabawi">https://www.egypttoday.com/Article/1/34904/Why-do-Muslims-celebrate-Mawlid-al-Nabawi</a>  <a href="https://kidskonnnect.com/holidays-seasons/mawlid-al-nabi/">https://kidskonnnect.com/holidays-seasons/mawlid-al-nabi/</a></p>
<p><b>October 10</b> <b>WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY (WHO)</b></p> 	<p>The World Federation for Mental Health have announced that the theme this year's event is '<b>Mental Health in an Unequal World</b>'.</p> <p>The overall objective of World Mental Health Day is to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and to mobilize efforts in support of mental health.</p> <p>The Day provides an opportunity for all stakeholders working on mental health issues to talk about their work, and what more needs to be done to make mental health care a reality for people worldwide.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-mental-health-day">https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-mental-health-day</a>  <a href="https://nationaltoday.com/world-mental-health-day/">https://nationaltoday.com/world-mental-health-day/</a></p>

<p><b>October 11</b> <b>INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY</b></p> 	<p>Columbus Day has been recognized by the federal government for almost 100 years, but the holiday is increasingly controversial. Many critics argue it is unacceptable to celebrate Columbus, whose voyages to Central America and the Caribbean Sea ensued in the killing and enslavement of many Indigenous people. This history has prompted several cities and states, including Vermont and the District of Columbia, to change the holiday's name to Indigenous People's Day. However, the Columbus Day holiday still has supporters, since many perceive the date as a recognition of Italian accomplishments (Columbus originally came from Italy, even though his voyages were organized and paid for by the Spanish monarchy).</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="http://clevelandaim.us/columbus/articles/honor-indigenous-people-why-columbus-day-must-be-replaced-2021">http://clevelandaim.us/columbus/articles/honor-indigenous-people-why-columbus-day-must-be-replaced-2021</a>  <a href="https://www.forbes.com/sites/joewalsh/2021/05/04/nyc-public-schools-get-rid-of-columbus-day---and-replace-it-with-italian-heritageindigenous-peoples-day/?sh=4d086461326d">https://www.forbes.com/sites/joewalsh/2021/05/04/nyc-public-schools-get-rid-of-columbus-day---and-replace-it-with-italian-heritageindigenous-peoples-day/?sh=4d086461326d</a></p>
<p><b>October 11</b> <b>DIA DE LA RAZA (LATINX COUNTRIES)</b></p> 	<p>Spanish-speaking countries celebrate "Dia de la Raza" ( Day of the Race). "This holiday celebrates and honors the many countries and people that were conquered by Spain and other European explorers This is a day of recognition and honor to the people, traditions, and cultures that were destroyed due to European colonization."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://publicholidays.mx/day-of-the-race/">https://publicholidays.mx/day-of-the-race/</a>  <a href="https://www.ipcisd.net/cms/lib3/TX01000617/Centricity/Domain/107/El%20dia%20de%20la%20Raza%20PEYTON%20SHELBY.pdf">https://www.ipcisd.net/cms/lib3/TX01000617/Centricity/Domain/107/El%20dia%20de%20la%20Raza%20PEYTON%20SHELBY.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>October 11</b> <b>COLUMBUS DAY</b></p> 	<p>People, throughout the world, have celebrated Columbus's voyage since the colonial period. Historically, the Italian-born explorer set sail in August 1492. He intended to chart a western sea route to China, India and the renowned gold and Spice Islands of Asia; instead, he landed in the Bahamas, becoming the first European to explore the Americas since the Vikings set up colonies in Greenland and Newfoundland during the 10th century. Columbus Day became a federal holiday in the United States by proclamation of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1937. Controversy over Columbus Day dates back to the 19th century, when anti-immigrant groups in the United States rejected the holiday because of its association with Catholicism. In recent decades, Native Americans and other groups have protested the celebration of an event that resulted in the colonization of the Americas, the beginnings of the transatlantic slave trade and the deaths of millions from murder and disease</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.history.com/topics/exploration/columbus-day">https://www.history.com/topics/exploration/columbus-day</a></p>

<p><b>October 13</b> <b>MAWLID AN-NABI (SHI'A MUSLIM)</b></p> 	<p><b>Mawlid an-Nabi</b> is a special day in the <i>Shi'a</i> Islamic calendar to remember the birth of Prophet <a href="#">Muhammad</a>. Every year, Muslims around the world celebrate the day by large street processions, distributing food and charity. They also hold discussions and sermons about the life of the prophet.</p> <p>The day is recognized as a public holiday in most Muslim countries with the exception of <a href="#">Saudi Arabia</a>.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://nationaltoday.com/milad-nabi-mawlid/">https://nationaltoday.com/milad-nabi-mawlid/</a>  <a href="https://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/holidays/mawlidannabi.htm">https://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/holidays/mawlidannabi.htm</a></p>
<p><b>October 13</b> <b>NATIONAL STOP BULLYING DAY</b></p> 	<p>National Stop Bullying Day, recognized on the second Wednesday in October, schoolchildren, their teachers and their parents spend time learning about bullying as well as ways to recognize it. On this day, these stakeholders also learn how they can prevent bullying. This day, in particular, solicits schools and organizations to bring together all partakers of the educational community to create ways to prevent bullying situations. Although encouraging bystanders to speak out against bullying, finding ways to prevent it is even more important.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-stop-bullying-day-second-wednesday-in-October/">https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-stop-bullying-day-second-wednesday-in-October/</a>  <a href="https://nationaltoday.com/national-stop-bullying-day/">https://nationaltoday.com/national-stop-bullying-day/</a>  <a href="https://www.stopbullying.gov/resources/get-help-now">https://www.stopbullying.gov/resources/get-help-now</a>  <a href="https://www.pacer.org/bullying/info/">https://www.pacer.org/bullying/info/</a></p>
<p><b>October 15 (October 16)</b> <b>BOSS'S DAY</b></p> 	<p>Boss's day is actually on October 16<sup>th</sup>, but is recognized on the closest week day each year. This is a day for workers to show appreciation to management or their boss. This special day began in 1962.</p> <p><b>Fun fact:</b> Hallmark cards for Boss's Day were not sold until 1979!</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.thereisadayforthat.com/holidays/usa/boss-day">https://www.thereisadayforthat.com/holidays/usa/boss-day</a>  <a href="https://nationaltoday.com/national-boss-day/">https://nationaltoday.com/national-boss-day/</a></p>
<p><b>October 16</b> <b>WORLD FOOD DAY</b></p> 	<p>The Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO) designated 16 October as World Food Day in 1979. Since that time, each year, , on 16 October, World Food Day is celebrated to promote global awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger. More than 3 billion people (40% of the world population) cannot afford a healthy diet. This day highlights the need to ensure healthy diets for all.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="http://www.fao.org/world-food-day/en">http://www.fao.org/world-food-day/en</a></p>



**October 17  
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE  
ERADICATION OF POVERTY (UN)**



On December 22, 1992, the UN General Assembly declared October 17 as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. According to world statistics, in 2018, approximately 8% of those who work lived on less than \$1.90 USD/person per year. UNESCO works on the premise that the fight to eradicate poverty requires improving individuals' skills through education, science, and support for a creative economy; something that are not only sources of employment, but also necessary to develop pride and dignity. UNESCO's goal for of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is to "End poverty in all its forms everywhere".

"Ending poverty is not just helping the poor – it is giving every woman and man the chance to live with dignity. By eradicating poverty, all humanity will be transformed."

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-for-eradicating-poverty>

**October 17  
DESSALINES DAY (HAITI)**



Jean-Jacques Dessalines is honored every year on October 17<sup>th</sup>, the anniversary of his death. Having been born into slavery in 1758 in Port-au-Prince, as an adult Dessalines joined the country's struggle for independence in 1791. He was instrumental in the success of the Haitian Revolution – the first successful slave revolt in the history of the world. Haiti became an independent country from France on January 1, 1804. Jean-Jacques Dessalines became a general, and later declared himself Emperor Jacques I. He was an autocratic ruler until his death by assassination.

Haitians chose October 17 to celebrate this day as a day against slavery and colonialism, showing pride that their country was the first republic to be governed by people of African descent. Dessalines' death anniversary is widely celebrated throughout the country with parades and parties, as well as historic reenactments of his life. Even though Dessalines ruled with a heavy hand, the Haitian people still celebrate their hero's death as a man who liberated them from slavery and gave them their freedom. It was Dessalines who renamed the country Haiti (Ayiti).

**RESOURCES:**

<https://haitihub.wordpress.com/2015/10/15/why-haitians-celebrate-jean-jacques-dessalines-on-October-17th/>

<https://www.blackpast.org/global-african-history/dessalines-jean-jacques-1758-1806/>

**October 17  
BLACK POETRY DAY**




Begun in 1985, October 17 is the celebration of Black Poetry Day in honor of Jupiter Hammon, who is believed to be the first African American to publish poetry in the United States. He was born into slavery in Long Island, New York on October 17, 1711, but was never emancipated. In honor of his birth, this day is used to celebrate the contributions of all African Americans to the world of poetry. Black Poetry Day celebrates the works of Black poets as well as Black heritage and literacy altogether. Some of the most notable are Langston Hughes, Phyllis Wheatley, Paul Laurence Dunbar, and Maya Angelou.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.ct3education.com/2020/10/16/black-poetry-day/>

<https://www.readpoetry.com/celebrate-black-poetry-day-with-200-years-of-world-changing-black-poets/>



<p><b>October 18</b> <b>NATIONAL HEROES' DAY (JAMAICA)</b></p> 	<p>National Heroes' Day is a Jamaican holiday, observed on the third Monday in October. It is a celebration of the island's seven National Heroes. The National Heroes Day acknowledges these seven great Jamaican heroes who are acknowledged with inspiring pride and symbols of enduring strength. They came and changed the course of Jamaica's history by giving social and political freedom to its people. Festivities include traditional music and dancing, and agricultural, and arts and crafts exhibitions.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="http://aglobalworld.com/holidays-around-the-world/jamaica-national-heroes-day/">What is Jamaica National Heroes' Day?</a>  <a href="http://aglobalworld.com/holidays-around-the-world/jamaica-national-heroes-day/">http://aglobalworld.com/holidays-around-the-world/jamaica-national-heroes-day/</a></p>
<p><b>October 20</b> <b>GLOBAL DIGNITY DAY</b></p> 	<p>Global Dignity Day is a day to recognize all people as part of the humanity we all share. Its goal is to move beyond what divides us and seek our commonality as humans, giving dignity to all people.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://globaldignity.org/global-dignity-day/">https://globaldignity.org/global-dignity-day/</a>  <a href="https://www.gettingsmart.com/2018/10/global-dignity-day-teaching-compassion-understanding-and-tolerance/">https://www.gettingsmart.com/2018/10/global-dignity-day-teaching-compassion-understanding-and-tolerance/</a></p>
<p><b>October 22</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL STUTTERING AWARENESS DAY</b></p> 	<p>October 22 was designated <b>International Stuttering Awareness Day</b> (ISAD) in 1998. The purpose of this day is to raise public awareness of stuttering. Stuttering affects 1% of the world's population.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://westutter.org/what-is-stuttering/international-stuttering-awareness-day/">https://westutter.org/what-is-stuttering/international-stuttering-awareness-day/</a>  <a href="https://isad.isastutter.org/">https://isad.isastutter.org/</a> (Virtual Conference 2021)  <a href="https://www.stutteringhelp.org/content/international-stuttering-awareness-day">https://www.stutteringhelp.org/content/international-stuttering-awareness-day</a></p>
<p><b>October 24</b> <b>UNITED NATIONS DAY (UN)</b></p> 	<p>On October 24, 1945, fifty-one countries united to create the United Nations, an organization whose objective is to work together for global peace and cooperation, declaring their intentions in the United Nations Charter. Since 1948, this date has been celebrated as United Nations Day. On this day, member countries take time to observe this international event.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/un-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/un-day</a>  <a href="https://unausa.org/events/un-day/">https://unausa.org/events/un-day/</a></p>

**October 25, 2021**  
**INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS' DAY**



International Artist Day was founded by Chris MacClure, a Canadian artist who specializes in the style known as 'Romantic Realism'. His paintings were a way to bring out his own "Romantic Realist" views on life and have served to make him one of Canada's most important artists. He created this day to bring recognition to the world of art, and to celebrate all the ways that artists bring their own special view to life.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/international-artists-day/>  
<http://internationalartistday.com/index.html>

**October 28**  
**NATIONAL IMMIGRANTS' DAY**



The United States of America is known as the world's melting pot, and every year on October 28 National Immigrants Day gives us a reason to reflect on just how unique that distinction is among the world's 195 sovereign nations.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://nationaltoday.com/national-immigrants-day/>  
<https://nationaltoday.com/national-immigrants-day/#how-to>

## NOVEMBER 2021\*

CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS/EVENTS	DESCRIPTIONS
<p><b>NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH</b></p> 	<p>November is Native American Heritage Month (also referred to as American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month). The month of November is a time to celebrate the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories while acknowledging the important contributions of Native people to America.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/">https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/</a></p>
<p><b>NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH</b></p> 	<p>In 2012, former President Barack Obama declared November to be <i>National Family Caregivers' Month</i>. This celebration honors more than 40 million caregivers across the country who support aging parents, ill spouses or other loved ones with disabilities who remain at home.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://mhanational.org/national-family-caregivers-month">https://mhanational.org/national-family-caregivers-month</a></p>
<p><b>NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH</b></p> 	<p>November is National Adoption month. The intent of this event is to raise awareness about the urgent need for children and youth in foster care to have a 'forever home'; to have an adoptive family.</p> <p>The history of National Adoption Month begins in 1976 when Massachusetts Governor Mike Dukakis announced the first Adoption Week. Governor Dukakis' idea became very popular and quickly spread nationwide. In 1984, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first National Adoption Week. In 1995, President Bill Clinton, declared the entire month of November to be focused on adoption.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/adoption/nam/">https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/adoption/nam/</a>  <a href="https://adoptuskids.org/">https://adoptuskids.org/</a></p>
<p><b>November 1 ALL SAINTS' DAY</b></p> 	<p>All Saints' Day, a Christian holiday primarily celebrated by the Catholic, Anglican and Lutheran churches to commemorate Christian saints who have gone to heaven.</p> <p>It's most likely that November 1<sup>st</sup> was chosen in order to co-opt the pagan holiday "Feast of the Lamures," a day which pagans used to please the restless spirits of the dead.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.catholic.org/saints/allsaints/">https://www.catholic.org/saints/allsaints/</a></p>

**November 1-2  
DIA DE LOS MUERTOS (MEXICO)**



Dia de los Muertos (October 31- November 2), is a time of remembrance in Mexico for ancestors who have passed away. It is also a celebration of the life in the hereafter. Mexican families create an altar to honor their beloved deceased and spend time in the cemetery near their ancestors' graves, covering them with marigolds. Sugar skulls are a common symbol of this important day of remembrance.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.carnifest.com/day-of-the-dead-festival-dia-de-los-muertos-2021/>

Video: How Disney movie *Coco* honors Dia de los Muertos-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9uyhbb2W30>

**November 2  
ELECTION DAY**



Election Day in the United States of America is the Tuesday that follows the first Monday in the month of November. This is the day when American citizens go to voting areas to select their public officials. This includes all levels of government representation at the national, state and local levels.

The right to vote among American citizens has evolved since its inception in the Constitution in 1789, adding women and people of color later on in its history.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.usa.gov/election-day>

<https://constitutioncenter.org/interactive-constitution/blog/the-evolution-of-voting-rights-in-america>

**November 4-8  
DIWALI**



Diwali is the Hindu five-day festival of lights that celebrates new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil/lightness over darkness.

Diwali, or Dipawali, is [India's](#) biggest and most important holiday of the year. During this festival, Indians put clay lamps to light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness. This festival is as important to Hindus as the Christmas holiday is to Christians.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/pages/article/diwali>

**November 11  
VETERANS' DAY (US)**







Veterans' Day is a U.S. Federal holiday that honors those who have served in the military. The date commemorates the cease fire between the Allied nations and Germany that occurred during World War I on the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month (November 11) in 1918.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory.asp> <https://www.history.com/veterans-day-history>



<p><b>November 14</b> <b>WORLD DIABETES DAY</b></p>  <p><b>world diabetes day</b> 14 November</p>	<p>International Diabetes Federation (IDF) to created <i>World Diabetes Day</i> on <b>November 14</b> to raise awareness around the globe about diabetes, the different types of diabetes that exist, how they affect people of different ages and incomes, how they affect people's lifestyles, and different treatments. World Diabetes Day was established by the IDF and the World Health Organization in 1991.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b> <a href="https://www.calendarr.com/united-states/world-diabetes-day/">https://www.calendarr.com/united-states/world-diabetes-day/</a></p>
<p><b>November 15-18</b> <b>NATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK</b></p> 	<p><b>American Education Week</b> (AEW) was first celebrated in 1921. This week is an opportunity to celebrate public education, to inform the community of the accomplishments and needs of public schools, to garner cooperation and support from the public, as well as to honor individuals who make a difference in providing the necessary opportunities so that every child receives a quality education.</p> <p>One of the highlights of this week is the “Educator for a Day” event which allows for local public servants to come into a classroom for the day and teach a lesson.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b> <a href="https://www.dodea.edu/dodeaCelebrates/EducationWeek.cfm">https://www.dodea.edu/dodeaCelebrates/EducationWeek.cfm</a></p>
<p><b>November 16</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR TOLERANCE</b></p> 	<p>In 1995 the United Nations declared November 16 as <i>The International Day for Tolerance</i>. a United Nations annual holiday commemorated on <b>November 16</b>. It promotes tolerance among people of all backgrounds and beliefs, encouraging people to educate themselves on other cultures and perspectives in an attempt to eradicate intolerance around the world.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b> <a href="https://www.calendarr.com/united-states/international-day-for-tolerance/">https://www.calendarr.com/united-states/international-day-for-tolerance/</a></p>
<p><b>November 19</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL MEN’S DAY</b></p> 	<p>International Men’s Day emphasizes the important issues affecting males, including health issues that affect males, improving the relations between genders, highlighting the importance of male role models, and promoting gender equality. This day is an annual observation to highlight the contribution of men in bringing positive value to the world, their families, and communities. This holiday is celebrated in over 70 countries. The theme for 2021 is: "Better relations between men and women."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b> <a href="https://www.indiatoday.in/information/story/when-is-international-men-s-day-2021-date-history-significance-and-celebration-1776882-2021-03-08">https://www.indiatoday.in/information/story/when-is-international-men-s-day-2021-date-history-significance-and-celebration-1776882-2021-03-08</a></p>

**November 20  
TRANSGENDER DAY OF  
REMEMBRANCE**



Transgender Day of Remembrance established in 1998 to memorialize those who have been killed as a result of transphobia and to raise awareness of the continued violence endured by the transgender community.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.glaad.org/tdor>

**November 25  
THANKSGIVING DAY**

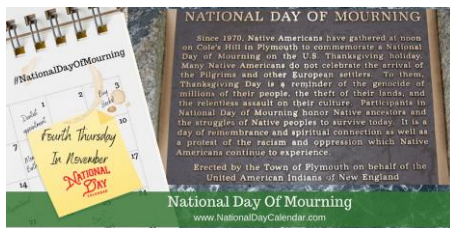


Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States that occurs on the third Thursday in the month of November. The traditional story of Thanksgiving begins in 1621 when it is believed the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Native Americans shared an autumn harvest feast. Days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states until in 1863 President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving/history-of-thanksgiving>

**November 25  
NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING**



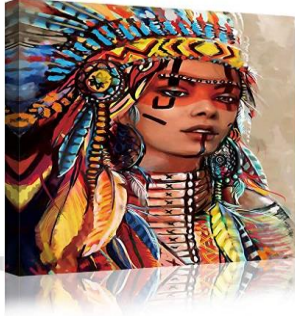
Each year, the National Day of Mourning is recognized on the fourth Thursday in November.

This observance began in 1970 by organizers who consider Thanksgiving Day as a continued reminder of the genocide and suffering of Native American people. Participants in the National Day of Mourning honor Native ancestors and their struggles to survive today. One of the components of honoring this day is to educate Americans about the history of Thanksgiving. Honoring this day increases appreciation and understanding of Native people's rich culture.

**RESOURCES:**

<http://uaine.org/>

**November 26**  
**NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY**



Native American Heritage Day, held annually the Friday after Thanksgiving, encourages Americans of all backgrounds to observe and honor Native Americans through appropriate ceremonies and activities. The day was signed into law by George W. Bush in 2008.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.nlm.nih.gov/nativevoices/timeline/597.html>

**November 28-December 6**  
**HANUKKAH**







Hanukkah, a Jewish holiday celebrated for eight days and nights. Hanukkah celebrates the victory of the Maccabees over the Greek Syrian ruler, Antiochus, approximately 2,200 years ago.

To celebrate, many families light the menorah (candelabra), give out presents usually one each night of the holiday. Children play a game of dreidel, a spinning top inscribed with Hebrew letters. Followers may cook traditional Hanukkah dishes like potato latkes or Sufganiyot, a donut filled with strawberry jelly. Chocolate gelt coins are also given during the holiday.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/hanukkah>

# DECEMBER 2021\*

CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS/EVENTS	DESCRIPTION
<p><b>December 1</b> <b>WORLD AIDS DAY</b></p> 	<p>“World AIDS Day takes place on 1 December each year. This is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness. Founded in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day.”</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b> <a href="https://www.worldaidsday.org/">https://www.worldaidsday.org/</a></p>
<p><b>December 3</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES</b></p> 	<p>International Day of Persons with Disabilities was created to raise awareness of the estimated 1 billion people with disabilities who do not enjoy inclusion in their society. This day was proclaimed in 1992 by the United Nations General Assembly. It aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development, and to increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic, and cultural life.</p> <p>Theme for 2021: <i>“Not All Disabilities Are Visible”</i></p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b> <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-of-persons-with-disabilities">https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-of-persons-with-disabilities</a></p>
<p><b>December 10</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY</b></p> 	<p>International Human Rights Day was established by the United Nations in 1948 to commemorate the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). “This document proclaims the inalienable rights which everyone is entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, color, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, or other status. Available in more than <u>500 languages</u>, it is the most translated document in the world.”</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b> <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day</a></p>
<p><b>December 10</b> <b>NOBEL PRIZE DAY</b></p> 	<p><i>Nobel Prize Day</i> is a day to honor of Alfred Nobel, an inventor, entrepreneur, scientist, and businessman, who died on this day in 1895. In his last Will and Testament, Nobel specified that prizes were to be awarded for accomplishments made for the “betterment of mankind,” the first of which were awarded in 1901. “Each year awards are given to recognize academic, culture and scientific advances. One of the most important awards, is the Nobel Peace prize</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b> <a href="http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/December/nobel-prize-day.htm">http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/December/nobel-prize-day.htm</a> <a href="https://www.nobelprize.org/alfred-nobel/">https://www.nobelprize.org/alfred-nobel/</a></p>



**December 15  
BILL OF RIGHTS DAY**



December 15 marks the national celebration of the Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments to the Constitution. This document specifies the rights that American citizens are guaranteed. Included in this Bill of Rights is access to the civil rights and liberties such as freedom of speech, press, and religion. In it are rules for due process of law and reserves all powers not delegated to the Federal Government to the people or the states.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/bill-of-rights>

**December 21  
WINTER SOLSTICE**



The Winter Solstice is celebrated on this day in the Northern Hemisphere. "The term "solstice" comes from the Latin words *sol* (Sun) and *sistere* (to stand still) because, during the solstice, the angle between the Sun's rays and the plane of the Earth's equator (called declination) appears to stand still." On the winter solstice, the sun seems to be the lowest in the sky.

Many pagan religions have traditions to celebrate the Winter Solstice. In several regions like Scandanavia, countries like Ireland and England, the shortest day of the year represents a celebration focusing on rebirth, renewal, and new beginnings.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.cnn.com/travel/article/winter-solstice-2020-wxc-scn-trnd/index.html>

<https://www.farmersalmanac.com/winter-solstice-first-day-winter>

**December 25  
CHRISTMAS DAY**



"Christmas Day, on December 25, is one of the most festive Christian holidays in many countries around the world. It celebrates Jesus' birth." Each country seems to have its own traditions for this holiday.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/common/christmas-day>

<https://www.momondo.com/discover/christmas-traditions-around-the-world>

**December 26-January 1  
KWANZAA**



Kwanzaa, an African American holiday started by Maulana Karenga in 1966 to celebrate universal African American heritage. It is an "African American and Pan-African holiday celebrated by millions throughout the world African community. Kwanzaa is a 7-day celebration that brings a cultural message which speaks to the best of what it means to be African and human in the fullest sense." The 7 principles of Kwanzaa: Unity, Self Determination, Collective Work and Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, and Faith.

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org/>

**December 31  
NEW YEAR'S EVE**



New Year's Eve, December 31, is the last day of the year in the United States. It is one of the largest global celebrations because it marks the last day on the Gregorian calendar. Often, people gather in parties to usher the former year out and welcome the new one in

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/new-year-eve>

**December 31  
WATCH NIGHT/ FREEDOM'S EVE**



Watch Night, also called Freedom's Eve, is a Christian religious service held on New Year's Eve. This event has its roots in African American religious traditions. During the first Watch Night, many enslaved African Americans gathered to pray, worship, sing, and dance as they awaited the announcement of the Emancipation Proclamation (enacted January 1, 1863), which freed slaves in the Confederate states during the American Civil War. Watch Night is still observed to this day as Christians pray and worship, awaiting the new year's arrival.



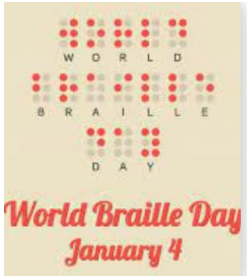
**RESOURCES:**





<https://nmaahc.si.edu/blog-post/historical-legacy-watch-night>

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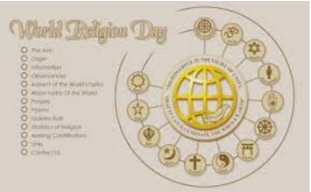



<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Watch-Night>

# JANUARY 2022

CULTURAL CELEBRATION/EVENT	DESCRIPTION
<p><b>January 1</b> <b>New Years Day</b></p> 	<p>The first day of the year in the modern western calendar. Observed as a legal holiday in many countries.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.britannica.com/topic/New-Year-festival">https://www.britannica.com/topic/New-Year-festival</a></p>
<p><b>January 1 and January 2</b> <b>HAITIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY</b></p> 	<p>Haiti made history by being the first black republic in the world and the first country in the Western Hemisphere to abolish slavery. The first two days of the calendar year is dedicated to commemorating the Independence Day and celebrate Ancestors' Day. Remembering the Founders of Haiti and the individuals who sacrificed their lives during the fight for independence.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.haiti.org/History.com">https://www.haiti.org/History.com</a>  <a href="https://mocanomi.org/2020/12/life-spirituality-haitian-independence-day-celebration/">https://mocanomi.org/2020/12/life-spirituality-haitian-independence-day-celebration/</a></p>
<p><b>January 4</b> <b>WORLD BRAILLE DAY</b></p> 	<p>International World Braille Day is celebrated on January 4, in honor of Louis Braille, the inventor of the reading and writing system. World Braille Day is a reminder of the importance of accessibility and independence for people who are blind or visually impaired.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="http://www.perkins.org">www.perkins.org</a>  <a href="http://UN.org">UN.org</a></p>





<p><b>January 6</b> <b>THREE KINGS/EPIPHANY (CHRISTIAN)</b></p> 	<p>Epiphany or Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings Day), a holiday observed by Eastern and Western Christians that recognizes the visit of the three wise men to the baby Jesus 12 days after his birth.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/celebrations/article/three-kings-day">https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/celebrations/article/three-kings-day</a></p>
<p><b>January 7</b> <b>ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS (CHRISTIAN)</b></p> 	<p>Christmas, recognized on this day by Eastern Orthodox Christians, who celebrate Christmas 13 days later than other Christian churches because they follow the Julian calendar rather than the Gregorian version of the Western calendar.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.goarch.org/introduction">https://www.goarch.org/introduction</a>  <a href="https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/why-celebrate-christmas-january">https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/why-celebrate-christmas-january</a></p>
<p><b>January 14</b> <b>MAKAR SANKRANTI (HINDU)</b></p> 	<p>Makar Sankranti is an Indian festival celebrated by several states of India around mid-January. this is when all the different states celebrate their harvest festivals, true to India's diverse traditions, each one has its own customs and practices.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.artofliving.org/in-en/culture/festival/makar-sankranti-2021-what-is-makar-sankranti">https://www.artofliving.org/in-en/culture/festival/makar-sankranti-2021-what-is-makar-sankranti</a>  <a href="https://www.hindustantimes.com/lifestyle/festivals/happy-makar-sankranti-history-significance-and-date-of-the-festival-101610440318054.html">https://www.hindustantimes.com/lifestyle/festivals/happy-makar-sankranti-history-significance-and-date-of-the-festival-101610440318054.html</a></p>
<p><b>January 14</b> <b>ORTHODOX NEW YEAR (ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN)</b></p> 	<p>The Orthodox New Year is widely known as the Old New Year. It is marked as January 1 in the Julian calendar, which was used before the Gregorian calendar.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2019/09/01/501-church-new-year">https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2019/09/01/501-church-new-year</a></p>


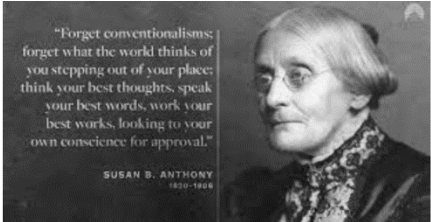



<p><b>January 16</b> <b>WORLD RELIGIONS DAY</b></p> 	<p>World Religion Day observed by those of the Bahá'í faith to promote interfaith harmony and understanding.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.worldreligionnews.com/religion-news/bahai-faith/world-religion-day-strengthens-interfaith-understanding">https://www.worldreligionnews.com/religion-news/bahai-faith/world-religion-day-strengthens-interfaith-understanding</a></p> <p>Book: Welcome To World Celebration by <b>Moira Butterfield (Author)</b></p>
<p><b>January 17</b> <b>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY</b></p> 	<p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day commemorates the birth of Martin Luther King Jr., the recipient of the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize and an activist for nonviolent social change until his assassination in 1968.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://constitutioncenter.org/blog/how-martin-luther-king-jr-s-birthday-became-a-holiday-3">https://constitutioncenter.org/blog/how-martin-luther-king-jr-s-birthday-became-a-holiday-3</a>  <a href="https://www.britannica.com/biography/Martin-Luther-King-Jr">https://www.britannica.com/biography/Martin-Luther-King-Jr</a>  <a href="https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/peace/1964/king/biographical/">https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/peace/1964/king/biographical/</a></p>
<p><b>January 20</b> <b>HEROES DAY (CAPE VERDE)</b></p> 	<p>January 20th is National Heroes' Day in Cabo Verde. It was established to honor all the heroes of Cabo Verde's independence movement – especially Amílcar Cabral who is remembered as a hero for fighting western colonialism and exploitation.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://caboverdeillinois.org/f/heroes-day-%E2%80%93-january-20th">https://caboverdeillinois.org/f/heroes-day-%E2%80%93-january-20th</a>  <a href="https://ineews.eu/cape-verdean-national-heroes-day-recalls-death-of-amilcar-cabral/">https://ineews.eu/cape-verdean-national-heroes-day-recalls-death-of-amilcar-cabral/</a></p>
<p><b>January 27</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY (UN)</b></p> 	<p>Holocaust Remembrance Day, a time to “mourn the loss of lives, celebrate those who saved them, honor those who survived, and contemplate the obligations of the living.”</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.un.org/en/holocaustremembrance/observance/">https://www.un.org/en/holocaustremembrance/observance/</a>  <a href="https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/holocaustremembranceday">https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/holocaustremembranceday</a>  <a href="https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/holocaust-remembrance-day">https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/holocaust-remembrance-day</a></p>




## FEBRUARY 2022

CULTURAL CELEBRATION/ EVENT	DESCRIPTION
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BLACK HISTORY MONTH</b></p> 	<p>“As a Harvard-trained historian, <b>Carter G. Woodson</b>, like W. E. B. Du Bois before him, believed that truth could not be denied, and that reason would prevail over prejudice. His hopes to raise awareness of African American's contributions to civilization was realized when he and the organization he founded, the <b>Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH)</b>, conceived and announced <b>Negro History Week in 1925</b>. ... The celebration was expanded to a month in 1976, the nation's bicentennial. President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” That year, fifty years after the first celebration, the association held the <b>first African American History Month</b>.”</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="#">AfricanAmericanHistoryMonth</a>  <a href="#">PBS.org</a>  <a href="#">National Civil Rights Museum</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AMERICAN HEART MONTH</b></p> 	<p>“Each February, NHLBI and <i>The Heart Truth</i>® celebrate <a href="#">American Heart Month</a> by motivating Americans to adopt healthy lifestyles to prevent heart disease. Focusing on your heart health has never been more important.”</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="#">NIH.gov</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>February 7-11 NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK</b></p> 	<p>“National School Counseling Week 2022 (#NSCW22) is Feb. 7-11, 2022, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week, sponsored by ASCA, highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. National School Counseling Week is always celebrated the first full week in February.”</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="#">Schoolcounselor.org</a>  <a href="#">DepartmentofDefenseEducation.org</a></p>

<p><b>February 1</b> <b>NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY</b></p>  <p>President Harry Truman signs the bill proclaiming February 1 as National Freedom Day, June 30, 1948</p>	<p>"Feb. 1, 1865 is the day President Abraham Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment, outlawing slavery in the United States. President Harry Truman signed a bill recognizing February 1<sup>st</sup> as National Freedom Day in 1948."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="http://www.americaslibrary.gov/es/pa/es_pa_free_1.html">http://www.americaslibrary.gov/es/pa/es_pa_free_1.html</a>  <a href="#">11Alive YouTube Video</a></p>
<p><b>February 1</b> <b>CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR</b></p> 	<p>Chinese New Year is the most important holiday in China.  LUNAR NEW YEAR • "Confucian, Daoist and Buddhist Also known as the Spring Festival, an important festival celebrated at the turn of the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/chinese-new-year">https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/chinese-new-year</a></p>
<p><b>February 2</b> <b>GROUND HOG DAY</b></p> 	<p>Groundhog Day is a popular North American tradition observed in the United States and Canada on February 2. "The first official Groundhog Day celebration took place on February 2, 1887, in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. It was the brainchild of local newspaper editor Clymer Freas,..."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="#">History.com</a>  <a href="#">Groundhog.org</a></p>
<p><b>February 4</b> <b>NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY FOR HEART DISEASE AWARENESS</b></p> 	<p>"Join NHLBI, <i>The Heart Truth</i>®, and organizations around the country on National Wear Red Day®, celebrated each year on the first Friday in February, to bring greater attention to heart disease as a leading cause of death for Americans. Use the poster, stickers, and social media resources below to promote Wear Red Day."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="#">ColumbiaDoctors YouTube Video</a>  <a href="#">NIH.gov</a></p>

<p><b>February 11</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE (UN)</b></p>  <p>The graphic features a blue background with a white cloud-like shape containing various science-related icons: a planet, a rocket, a book, a lightbulb, and a DNA helix. Below the cloud is a red backpack. The text 'International Day of Women and Girls in Science' and the hashtag '#WomenInScience' are visible.</p>	<p>"The International Day of Women and Girls in Science is the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, by resolution of the United Nations General Assembly on 22 December 2015. The day recognizes the critical role women and girls play in science and technology."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="http://UN.org">UN.org</a>  <a href="http://GenderGapInScience.org">GenderGapInScience.org</a></p>
<p><b>February 15</b> <b>SUSAN B. ANTHONY DAY</b></p>  <p>The graphic shows a black and white portrait of Susan B. Anthony. To her left is a quote: "Forget conventionalisms: forget what the world thinks of you stepping out of your place; think your best thoughts, speak your best words, work your best works, looking to your own conscience for approval." Below the quote is her name 'SUSAN B. ANTHONY' and the years '1820-1906'.</p>	<p>"Champion of temperance, abolition, the rights of labor, and equal pay for equal work, Susan Brownell Anthony became one of the most visible leaders of the <a href="#">women's suffrage movement</a>." (1820-1906)</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="http://Womenshistory.org">Womenshistory.org</a>  <a href="http://Susanb.org">Susanb.org</a>  <a href="http://Biography.com">Biography.com</a></p>
<p><b>February 20</b> <b>WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE (UN)</b></p>  <p>The graphic features a black and white photo of hands reaching up. Overlaid on the image is the text 'World Day of Social Justice' and an icon of a balance scale.</p>	<p>"The International Labour Organization unanimously adopted the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization on 10 June 2008. " ... "February 20 gives the world an opportunity to celebrate unity, civil society and respect for all as the <a href="#">United Nations World Day of Social Justice</a>. In a world that struggles with inclusivity, productive dialogue, respect for differences and shared objectives, this is our opportunity to be reminded of the importance of human rights and equality.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="http://UN.org">UN.org</a>  <a href="http://AmericanPsychologicalAssociation.org">AmericanPsychologicalAssociation.org</a></p>



<p><b>February 21</b> <b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b></p> 	<p>"January 31, 1879, that Washington's birthday became a federally recognized holiday. <b>Presidents' Day</b>, officially <b>Washington's Birthday</b>, in the <a href="#">United States</a>, <a href="#">holiday</a> (third Monday in February) popularly recognized as honoring <a href="#">George Washington</a> and <a href="#">Abraham Lincoln</a>."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="#">Brittanica.com</a>  <a href="#">History.com</a></p>
<p><b>February 21</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY (UN, UNESCO)</b></p> 	<p>"The idea to celebrate International Mother Language Day was the <a href="#">initiative of Bangladesh</a>. It was approved at the <a href="#">1999 UNESCO General Conference</a> and has been observed throughout the world since 2000. UNESCO believes in the importance of cultural and linguistic diversity for sustainable societies. It is within its mandate for peace that it works to preserve the differences in cultures and languages that foster tolerance and respect for others."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="#">Unesco.org</a>  <a href="#">UN.org</a></p>
<p><b>February 25</b> <b>(02/25/22 through 03/05/22)</b> <b>BRAZIL CARNIVAL BEGINS</b></p> 	<p>Carnival begins every year on the Friday before Shrove Tuesday and ends on Ash Wednesday. Carnival festivities in Brazil date back to 1723 with the Portuguese immigrants from the islands of Açores, Madeira and Cabo Verde introducing the Entrudo. The cities most globally-known for their Carnival celebrations are <a href="#">Rio de Janeiro</a>, Olinda, Recife and Salvador, yet almost every city in the country has shown, events and performances.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="#">Theculturetrip.com</a>  <a href="#">Rio.com</a></p>

**February 27**  
**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY**



“On February 27, 1844, Juan Pablo Duarte and the rest of “La Trinitaria” successfully established the **Dominican Republic’s independence** as a sovereign state with a cannon shot from the “Puerta del Conde” in Santo Domingo and the rise of the Dominican blue, red, and white flag.




Today, on the Dominican Independence Day, locals honor their founding fathers, **Juan Pablo Duarte**, Ramón Matías Mella and Francisco del Rosario Sánchez in the “Puerta del Conde”, in Santo Domingo, where the declaration of their war for **Independence** took place, on **February 27, 1844**. The president of the Dominican Republic gives an annual speech on this day to pay tribute as well.”

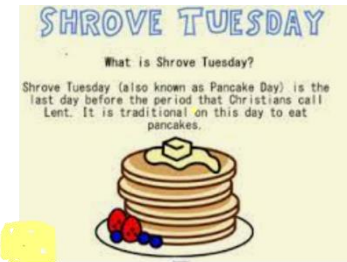



**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.donquijote.org/dominican-culture/holidays/dominican-independence-day/>)

*The Dominican Republic’s Carnival is celebrated every year during the entire month of February, culminating with the largest celebration on Independence Day, February 27.*





# MARCH 2022



CULTURAL CELEBRATION/ EVENT	DESCRIPTION
<b>NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH</b>	<p>Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week."</p>
	<p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://womenshistorymonth.gov/">https://womenshistorymonth.gov/</a>  <a href="https://www.womenshistory.org/womens-history/womens-history-month">https://www.womenshistory.org/womens-history/womens-history-month</a>  <a href="https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/womens-history-month">https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/womens-history-month</a></p>
<b>NATIONAL IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH</b>	<p>Congress designated March as Irish American Heritage Month in 1991 and the president issues a proclamation commemorating the occasion each year.</p>
	<p>Originally a religious holiday to honor St. Patrick, who introduced Christianity to Ireland in the 5th century, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into a celebration of all things Irish. The world's first St. Patrick's Day parade occurred on March 17, 1762, in New York City, featuring Irish soldiers who served in the English military. This parade became an annual event, with President Truman attending in 1948.</p>
<b>NATIONAL DEAF HISTORY MONTH</b>	<p>The <b>National Association of the Deaf (NAD)</b> first introduced National Deaf History Month in 1997 and, in 2006, the <b>American Library Association</b> partnered with NAD in supporting and spreading awareness of this celebration.</p>
	<p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.aclib.us/kids/blog/deaf-history-month-march-13th-april-15th">National Association of the Deaf</a>  <a href="https://www.aclib.us/kids/blog/deaf-history-month-march-13th-april-15th">https://www.aclib.us/kids/blog/deaf-history-month-march-13th-april-15th</a></p>

<p><b>March 1</b> <b>SHROVE TUESDAY</b></p>  <p>What is Shrove Tuesday? Shrove Tuesday (also known as Pancake Day) is the last day before the period that Christians call Lent. It is traditional on this day to eat pancakes.</p>	<p><b>Shrove Tuesday</b> is a <b>Christian festival</b> celebrated in many countries across the globe (also known as Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday, and Carnival Day). It falls on the Tuesday before the beginning of <b>Lent</b> – a period of around six weeks leading up to <b>Easter</b>. During Lent, Christians give up luxuries to remember when Jesus went into the desert for 40 days (about 1 and a half months) to fast and pray.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/general-geography/shrove-tuesday-facts/">https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/general-geography/shrove-tuesday-facts/</a>  <a href="https://www.anti-defamationleague.com/">Anti-DefamationLeague.com</a> </p>
<p><b>March 2</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b></p> 	<p>(Western Christian) The first day of Lent for Western Christian churches, a 40-day period of spiritual preparation for Easter, not counting Sundays.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.adl.org/media/16465/download">https://www.adl.org/media/16465/download</a> </p>
<p><b>March 2</b> <b>READ ACROSS AMERICA</b></p> 	<p>NEA launched the Read Across America, which is an initiative on reading that began in 1997, to encourage children in reading more books and getting them excited about reading. On 2 March 1998, the first Read Across America Day was celebrated; since then, it has been held annually. The holiday mainly focuses on motivating children to read as it improves their performance in school.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.nea.org/professional-excellence/student-engagement/read-across-america">https://www.nea.org/professional-excellence/student-engagement/read-across-america</a>  <a href="https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/read-across-america-day-dr-seuss-day-2021/">https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/read-across-america-day-dr-seuss-day-2021/</a> </p>
<p><b>March 4</b> <b>EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY</b></p> 	<p>Employee Appreciation Day is a secular holiday in the USA and Canada, that is annually celebrated on the first Friday in March. This holiday was established in 1995 by Bob Nelson, a board member of the Recognition Professionals International, previously National Association for Employee Recognition.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/employee-appreciation-day-2021/">https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/employee-appreciation-day-2021/</a> </p>


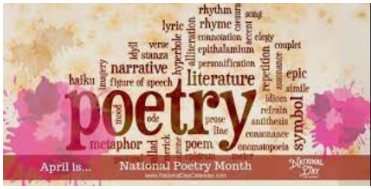









<p><b>March 17</b> <b>PURIM</b></p> 	<p>The “Feast of Lots” marks the salvation of the Jews of ancient Persia from extermination. Purim is one of the most fun holidays celebrated by the Jewish people but is often under recognized. Purim (held on the 14th day of the Hebrew month of Adar — usually March or April) commemorates the day Esther, Queen of Persia, saved the Jewish people from execution by Haman, the advisor to the Persian king.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.adl.org/media/16465/download">https://www.adl.org/media/16465/download</a> </p>
<p><b>March 18</b> <b>HOLI</b></p> 	<p>Holi is a <b>Hindu festival that celebrates spring, love, and new life</b>. Some families hold religious ceremonies, but for many Holi is more a time for fun. It's a colorful festival, with dancing, singing, and throwing of powder paint and colored water. Holi is also known as the "festival of colors".</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zh86n39/articles/z4qqy9q">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zh86n39/articles/z4qqy9q</a> </p>
<p><b>March 20</b> <b>VERNAL EQUINOX</b></p> 	<p>Marks the first day of the season of spring. The sun shines exactly above the Equator nearly equally on both hemispheres when it's spring in the Northern Hemisphere and simultaneously fall in the Southern Hemisphere causing the day and night are equal in length.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.britannica.com/science/vernal-equinox">https://www.britannica.com/science/vernal-equinox</a>  <a href="https://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/spring-equinox.html">https://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/spring-equinox.html</a> </p>
<p><b>March 21</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (UN, UNESCO)</b></p> 	<p>Call to action to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination worldwide. The United Nations General Assembly reiterates that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and have the potential to contribute constructively to the development and well-being of their societies.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-racism-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-racism-day</a>  <a href="https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/nodiscriminationday">https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/nodiscriminationday</a>  <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/newsevents/pages/intdayeliminationofracialdiscrimination.aspx">https://www.ohchr.org/en/newsevents/pages/intdayeliminationofracialdiscrimination.aspx</a> </p>

<p><b>March 25</b>  <b>International Day of Remembrance of Slavery Victims &amp; Transatlantic Slave Trade (UN)</b></p> 	<p>For over 400 years, more than 15 million men, women and children were the victims of the tragic transatlantic slave trade, one of the darkest chapters in human history.</p> <p>Every year on 25 March, the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade offers the opportunity to honor and remember those who suffered and died at the hands of the brutal slavery system. The International Day also aims to raise awareness about the dangers of racism and prejudice today.</p> <p>In order to more permanently honor the victims, a <a href="#">memorial</a> has been erected at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The unveiling took place on 25 March 2015.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="http://www.un.org">UN.org</a></p>
<p><b>March 31</b>  <b>CESAR CHAVEZ DAY</b></p> 	<p>Honors Mexican American farm worker, labor leader and activist Cesar Chavez (1927– 1993) who was a nationally respected voice for social justice.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="http://www.cesarchavezholiday.org/">http://www.cesarchavezholiday.org/</a>  <a href="https://ufw.org/research/history/story-cesar-chavez/">https://ufw.org/research/history/story-cesar-chavez/</a>  <a href="https://www.biography.com/activist/cesar-chavez">https://www.biography.com/activist/cesar-chavez</a></p>

## APRIL 2022






CULTURAL CELEBRATION/EVENT	DESCRIPTION
<p><b>AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH</b></p> 	<p>"In 1970, the Autism Society launched an ongoing nationwide effort to promote autism awareness and assure that all affected by autism are able to achieve the highest quality of life possible. In 1972, the Autism Society launched the first annual National Autistic Children's week, which evolved into Autism Acceptance Month (AAM). This April, we continue our efforts to spread awareness, promote acceptance, and ignite change."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.autism-society.org/get-involved/national-autism-awareness-month/">https://www.autism-society.org/get-involved/national-autism-awareness-month/</a>  <a href="https://www.autismspeaks.org/world-autism-month-faq">https://www.autismspeaks.org/world-autism-month-faq</a></p>
<p><b>NATIONAL POETRY MONTH</b></p> 	<p>"April is National Poetry Month, 30 days of celebrating the joy, expressiveness, and pure delight of poetry"</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://poets.org/national-poetry-month">https://poets.org/national-poetry-month</a>  <a href="https://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/calendar-activities/april-national-poetry-month">https://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/calendar-activities/april-national-poetry-month</a></p>
<p><b>NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH</b></p> 	<p>National Arab American Heritage Month (NAAHM) is a time for celebrating the history, contributions, and culture of the diverse population of Arab Americans. In 2019, Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI) and Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) issued a congressional resolution for NAAHM to be recognized on a national scale. Rep. Donna Shalala (D-FL), who is of Lebanese descent, told the House that NAAHM is extremely meaningful for "recogniz[ing] the contributions of the 3.7 million members of my community in the United States."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.insightintodiversity.com/national-arab-american-heritage-month/">https://www.insightintodiversity.com/national-arab-american-heritage-month/</a>  <a href="https://www.pbs.org/articles/2021/04/april-is-arab-american-heritage-month/">https://www.pbs.org/articles/2021/04/april-is-arab-american-heritage-month/</a></p>
<p><b>GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH</b></p> 	<p>"Genocide Awareness Month is commemorated in April. This month was chosen because April contains many significant dates in the history of genocide. These include the beginnings of the Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda, the Armenian Genocide, and the Anfal campaign against Iraqi Kurds. The goal of Genocide Awareness Month is to share knowledge about what genocide is, about genocides that have happened in the past, and about the continuing scourge of genocide today."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://facingtoday.facinghistory.org/april-is-genocide-awareness-month">https://facingtoday.facinghistory.org/april-is-genocide-awareness-month</a></p>




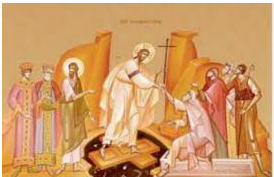


<p><b>RAMADAN</b> <b>APRIL 2 – MAY 1</b></p> 	<p>“Ramadan is considered one of the holiest months of the year for Muslims. In Ramadan, Muslims commemorate the revelation of the Qur’an, and fast from food and drink during the sunlit hours as a means of drawing closer to God and cultivating self-control, gratitude, and compassion for those less fortunate. Ramadan is a month of intense spiritual rejuvenation with a heightened focus on devotion, during which Muslims spend extra time reading the Qur’an and performing special prayers. Those unable to fast, such as pregnant or nursing women, the sick, or elderly people and children, are exempt from fasting.”</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://ing.org/ramadan-information-sheet/">https://ing.org/ramadan-information-sheet/</a>  <a href="https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/article/ramadan">https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/article/ramadan</a></p>
<p><b>April 5 - 11</b> <b>NATIONAL STUDENT EMPLOYMENT APPRECIATION WEEK</b></p> 	<p>“National Student Employment Week (NSEW) is celebrated every second week of April, from April 5 to April 11 this year. It sets aside seven full days of recognition, appreciation, and encouragement for the student employees and employers. Every year, the second week in April is dedicated to highlighting student employment practices across colleges and universities that help undergraduate students develop invaluable practical skills and, importantly, pay for their tuition expenses. Sponsored by the National Student Employment Association, NSEW is designed to honor students and their employers, and target university/college campuses to develop career-enhancing opportunities, increase participation, and celebrate their employed student body.”</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://nationaltoday.com/national-student-employment-week/">https://nationaltoday.com/national-student-employment-week/</a>  <a href="https://www.nsea.info/nsew-week">https://www.nsea.info/nsew-week</a>  <a href="https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-student-employment-week-second-full-week-in-april/">https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-student-employment-week-second-full-week-in-april/</a></p>
<p><b>April 1</b> <b>APRIL FOOL’S DAY</b></p> 	<p>“April Fools’ Day – celebrated on April 1 each year – has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, though its exact origins remain a mystery. April Fools’ Day traditions include playing hoaxes or practical jokes on others, often yelling “April Fools!” at the end to clue in the subject of the April Fools’ Day prank.”</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/april-fools-day">https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/april-fools-day</a></p>



<p><b>April 2 RAMADAN</b></p> 	<p>"Ramadan is considered one of the holiest months of the year for Muslims. In Ramadan, Muslims commemorate the revelation of the Qur'an, and fast from food and drink during the sunlit hours as a means of drawing closer to God and cultivating self-control, gratitude, and compassion for those less fortunate. Ramadan is a month of intense spiritual rejuvenation with a heightened focus on devotion, during which Muslims spend extra time reading the Qur'an and performing special prayers. Those unable to fast, such as pregnant or nursing women, the sick, or elderly people and children, are exempt from fasting."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://ing.org/ramadan-information-sheet/">https://ing.org/ramadan-information-sheet/</a>  <a href="https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/article/ramadan">https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/article/ramadan</a></p>
<p><b>April 2 WORLD AUTISM DAY</b></p> 	<p>World Autism Awareness Day created to raise awareness of the developmental disorder around the globe. "The United Nations General Assembly unanimously declared 2 April as World Autism Awareness Day (A/RES/62/139) to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of those with autism so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society. Autism is a lifelong neurological condition that manifests during early childhood, irrespective of gender, race, or socio-economic status. The term Autism Spectrum refers to a range of characteristics. Appropriate support, accommodation and acceptance of this neurological variation allow those on the Spectrum to enjoy equal opportunity, and full and effective participation in society."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/autism-day/background">https://www.un.org/en/observances/autism-day/background</a></p>
<p><b>April 7 WORLD HEALTH DAY</b></p> 	<p>The celebration has aimed to create awareness of a specific health theme to highlight a priority area of concern for the World Health Organization.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.who.int/westernpacific/news/events/world-health-day">https://www.who.int/westernpacific/news/events/world-health-day</a>  <a href="https://www.paho.org/en/world-health-day">https://www.paho.org/en/world-health-day</a></p>
<p><b>April 8 DAY OF SILENCE</b></p> 	<p>The GLSEN Day of Silence is a national student-led demonstration where LGBTQ students and allies all around the country – and the world – take a vow of silence to protest the harmful effects of harassment and discrimination of LGBTQ people in schools.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.glsen.org/day-of-silence">https://www.glsen.org/day-of-silence</a>  <a href="https://gsafei.org/resources/for-youth-gsas/gsa-actions-events/frequently-asked-questions-about-day-of-silence/">https://gsafei.org/resources/for-youth-gsas/gsa-actions-events/frequently-asked-questions-about-day-of-silence/</a></p>

<p><b>April 10</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b></p> 	<p>"Palm Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday before Easter each year and marks the start of Holy Week. Passion / Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, a time in the church year when we remember how Christ gave his life in love for the world."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.nationalshrine.org/blog/what-is-the-significance-of-palm-sunday/">https://www.nationalshrine.org/blog/what-is-the-significance-of-palm-sunday/</a>  <a href="https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/passion-and-palm-sunday/">https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/passion-and-palm-sunday/</a></p>
<p><b>April 12</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT (UN)</b></p> 	<p>"To celebrate each year at the international level the beginning of the space era for mankind, reaffirming the important contribution of space science and technology in achieving sustainable development goals and increasing the well-being of States and peoples, as well as ensuring the realization of their aspiration to maintain outer space for peaceful purposes."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-spaceflight-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-spaceflight-day</a>  <a href="https://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/outreach/events/idhsf/index.html">https://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/outreach/events/idhsf/index.html</a></p>
<p><b>April 15</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY (CHRISTIAN)</b> <b>PASSOVER (JEWISH)</b></p> 	<p>On Good Friday we remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sin <a href="https://www.christianity.com/god/jesus-christ/what-s-so-good-about-good-friday.html">https://www.christianity.com/god/jesus-christ/what-s-so-good-about-good-friday.html</a></p> <p>The major Jewish spring festival which commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery, lasting seven or eight days from the 15th day of Nisan.  <a href="https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/passover-history-and-overview">https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/passover-history-and-overview</a></p> <p>Once each year, Jehovah's Witnesses commemorate the death of Jesus Christ at a commemorative event called The Memorial.  <a href="https://www.jw.org/en/jehovahs-witnesses/memorial/">https://www.jw.org/en/jehovahs-witnesses/memorial/</a></p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.christianity.com/god/jesus-christ/what-s-so-good-about-good-friday.html">https://www.christianity.com/god/jesus-christ/what-s-so-good-about-good-friday.html</a>  <a href="https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/passover-history-and-overview">https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/passover-history-and-overview</a>  <a href="https://www.jw.org/en/jehovahs-witnesses/memorial/">https://www.jw.org/en/jehovahs-witnesses/memorial/</a></p>

<p><b>April 17</b> <b>EASTER (CHRISTIAN)</b></p> 	<p>"Principal festival of the Christian church, which celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his Crucifixion."  <u>"Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ."</u></p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.britannica.com/topic/Easter-holiday">https://www.britannica.com/topic/Easter-holiday</a>  <a href="https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/history-of-easter">https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/history-of-easter</a></p>
<p><b>April 18</b> <b>PATRIOT'S DAY</b></p> 	<p>"Celebration would not only commemorate the battles that officially marked the American Revolution, but also the anniversary of the Baltimore riot of 1861 – commonly known as the first bloodshed of the American Civil War."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.history.com/news/what-is-patriots-day">https://www.history.com/news/what-is-patriots-day</a>  <a href="https://www.nps.gov/mima/patriots-day.htm">https://www.nps.gov/mima/patriots-day.htm</a></p>
<p><b>April 20</b> <b>CHINESE LANGUAGE DAY (UN)</b></p> 	<p>"In 2010, the United Nations Department of Public Information (now the Department of Global Communications ) announced the launch of the United Nations Language Day. This initiative aims to celebrate the use of multiple languages and cultural diversity, and to promote the equal use of the six official languages in the United Nations. Among them, the Ministry of Information has set the Chinese Day as the "Gu Yu" of the 24th solar terms in the lunar calendar to commemorate the contribution of Cangjie, the "ancestor of Chinese characters"</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.un.org/zh/observances/chinese-language-day">https://www.un.org/zh/observances/chinese-language-day</a></p>
<p><b>April 22</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY (ORTHODOX)</b></p> 	<p>"On Great and Holy Friday, the Orthodox Church commemorates the death of Christ on the Cross."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.goarch.org/holyfriday">https://www.goarch.org/holyfriday</a></p>
<p><b>April 23</b> <b>PASSOVER ENDS (JEWISH)</b></p> 	<p>"Celebrated on 23 April, the date traditionally observed as both the birthday and date of death of William Shakespeare. The Day is the result of a 2010 initiative by the Department of Global Communications, establishing language days for each of the Organization's six official languages."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/english-language-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/english-language-day</a>  <a href="https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/passover">https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/passover</a></p>



<p><b>April 23</b>  <b>ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAY (UN)</b>  <b>SPANISH LANGUAGE DAY (UN)</b></p> 	<p>"<b>English Language Day at the UN</b> is celebrated on 23 April, the date traditionally observed as both the birthday and date of death of <u>William Shakespeare</u>. The Day is the result of a 2010 <u>initiative</u> by the <u>Department of Global Communications</u>, establishing language days for each of the Organization's <u>six official languages</u>. The purpose of the UN's language days is to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity as well as to promote equal use of all six official languages throughout the Organization."</p> <p>"On April 23, the "Spanish Language Day at the United Nations" is celebrated to raise awareness among the Organization's staff, and the world in general, about the history, culture, and use of Spanish as an official language. The choice of the day attends the anniversary of the death of the great genius of Spanish letters, Miguel de Cervantes. Coincidentally, the date of his death coincides with that of the most prestigious English playwright, William Shakespeare. Hence, both languages share the day."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/english-language-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/english-language-day</a>  <a href="https://www.un.org/es/observances/spanish-language-day">https://www.un.org/es/observances/spanish-language-day</a></p>
<p><b>April 24</b>  <b>ORTHODOX EASTER (ORTHODOX)</b></p> 	<p>Both Orthodox Easter and Easter Sunday are Christian festivals where believers celebrate the resurrection of Jesus – it's the most important festival in the Christian Calendar.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.goarch.org/-/holy-week-in-the-eastern-orthodox-church">https://www.goarch.org/-/holy-week-in-the-eastern-orthodox-church</a></p>
<p><b>April 27</b>  <b>ADMINISTRATOR PROFESSIONAL DAY</b></p> 	<p>This day was started by IAAP in 1952 to provide administrative professionals a collective voice.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.iaap-hq.org/page/AdminProDay">https://www.iaap-hq.org/page/AdminProDay</a></p>
<p><b>April 27</b>  <b>YOM HASHOAH (JEWISH)</b></p> 	<p>Yom HaShoah, Israel's day of remembrance for the approximately 6 million Jews who perished in the Holocaust.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.ushmm.org/remember/days-of-remembrance/resources/calendar">https://www.ushmm.org/remember/days-of-remembrance/resources/calendar</a>  <a href="https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/yom-hashoah-holocaust-memorial-day/">https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/yom-hashoah-holocaust-memorial-day/</a></p>

<p><b>April 28</b> <b>LAILAT AL-QADR (MUSLIM)</b></p> 	<p>Islamic festival that <u>commemorates</u> the night on which God first revealed the Qur'ān to the Prophet Muhammad through the angel Gabriel. "The Night of Power – also referred to as Laylat-al-Qadr – is considered to be the Holiest night in the Islamic calendar. This was the night when the first verses of the Holy Qur'an were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), by Angel Jibrail. This night falls within the last 10 days of Ramadan, and although the exact date is unknown, it is widely believed to be the 27th day of the Holy month."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.britannica.com/topic/Laylat-al-Qadr">https://www.britannica.com/topic/Laylat-al-Qadr</a>  <a href="https://www.muslimaid.org/what-we-do/religious-dues/the-night-of-power-laylat-ul-qadr/">https://www.muslimaid.org/what-we-do/religious-dues/the-night-of-power-laylat-ul-qadr/</a></p>
<p><b>April 30</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY (UN)</b></p> 	<p>"International Jazz Day raises awareness in the international community of the virtues of jazz as a force for peace, unity, dialogue and enhanced cooperation among people, as well as an educational tool. Many governments, civil society organizations, educational institutions, and private citizens currently engaged in the promotion of jazz music will embrace the opportunity to foster greater appreciation not only for the music but also for the contribution it can make to building more inclusive societies."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/jazz-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/jazz-day</a>  <a href="https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/jazzday">https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/jazzday</a>  <a href="https://jazzday.com/">https://jazzday.com/</a></p>

# MAY 2022

CULTURAL CELEBRATION/ EVENT	DESCRIPTION
<p><b>ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH</b></p> 	<p>May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month – a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. A rather broad term, Asian/Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island).</p> <p>Like most commemorative months, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month originated with Congress. This joint resolution was passed by the House and then the Senate and was signed by President Jimmy Carter on October 5, 1978 to become Public Law 95-419 (PDF, 158kb). During the next decade, presidents passed annual proclamations for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week until 1990 when Congress passed Public Law 101-283 (PDF, 166kb) which expanded the observance to a month for 1990.</p> <p>The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://swingeducation.com/resources/resources-to-help-teach-about-and-celebrate-asian-pacific-american-heritage-month/">https://swingeducation.com/resources/resources-to-help-teach-about-and-celebrate-asian-pacific-american-heritage-month/</a>  <a href="https://asianpacificheritage.gov/about/">https://asianpacificheritage.gov/about/</a></p>
<p><b>JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH</b></p> 	<p>May is Jewish American Heritage Month – On April 20, 2006, President George W. Bush proclaimed that May would be Jewish American Heritage Month. The announcement was the crowning achievement in an effort by the Jewish Museum of Florida and South Florida Jewish community leaders that resulted in resolutions introduced by Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida and Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania urging the president to proclaim a month that would recognize the more than 350-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture. The resolutions passed unanimously, first in the House of Representatives in December 2005 and later in the Senate in February 2006.</p> <p>The month of May was chosen due to the highly successful celebration of the 350th Anniversary of American Jewish History in May 2004, which was organized by the Commission for Commemorating 350 Years of American Jewish History.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.jewishheritagemonth.gov/about/">https://www.jewishheritagemonth.gov/about/</a></p>

<p><b>NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH</b></p> 	<p>National Foster Care Month is an initiative led and promoted by the Children's Bureau. Each May, we take time to acknowledge foster parents, family members, volunteers, mentors, policymakers, child welfare professionals, and other members of the community who help children and youth in foster care find permanent homes and connections. We use this time to renew our commitment to ensuring a bright future for the more than 423,000 children and youth in foster care<sup>1</sup> and celebrate those who make a meaningful difference in their lives.</p> <p>In this section, you can find additional information about the National Foster Care Month initiative, including information about the Children's Bureau's commitment to prioritizing foster care as a service to families and promoting reunification.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="#">About - National Foster Care Month - Child Welfare Information Gateway</a></p>
<p><b>NATIONAL OLDER AMERICANS MONTH</b></p> 	<p>When Older Americans Month was established in 1963, only 17 million living Americans had reached their 65th birthday. About a third of older Americans lived in poverty and there were few programs to meet their needs. Interest in older Americans and their concerns was growing. A meeting in April 1963 between President John F. Kennedy and members of the National Council of Senior Citizens led to designating May as "Senior Citizens Month," the prelude to "Older Americans Month."</p> <p>Historically, Older Americans Month has been a time to acknowledge the contributions of past and current older persons to our country, in particular those who defended our country.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="#">History of Older Americans Month   ACL Administration for Community Living</a></p>
<p><b>(First Full Week) TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK</b></p> 	<p>Since 1984, National PTA has designated one week in May as a special time to honor the individuals who lend their passion and skills to educating our children.</p> <p>National Teacher Appreciation Day, also known as National Teacher Day, recognizes dedicated educators across the country. As part of Teacher Appreciation Week, the celebration takes place on the Tuesday of the first full week in May each year.</p> <p>The National Education Association describes National Teacher Day "as a day for honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to our lives."</p> <p>Teachers play a critical role in educating and shaping our children, the future leaders of our country.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="#">Teacher Appreciation Week - Events   National PTA</a></p>



**May 2**  
**EID AL-FITR (MUSLIM)**



The religious festival Eid al-Fitr, or the “Festival of Breaking the Fast,” is one of two major holidays celebrated by Muslims around the world. In the United States, Eid al-Fitr 2021 begins on the evening of Wednesday, May 12 and ends on the evening of Thursday, May 13.

Also known as the “Lesser Eid,” Eid al-Fitr commemorates the end of the fasting month of Ramadan. An occasion for special prayers, family visits, gift-giving and charity, it takes place over one to three days, beginning on the first day of Shawwal, the 10th month in the Islamic calendar.

Though some Muslims observe other special days throughout the year, including the beginning of the new year according to the Islamic calendar and the day the Prophet Muhammad was born, the two Eids are the only holidays celebrated by the entire Muslim community worldwide. Eid al-Fitr marks the end of the fast of Ramadan, while Eid al-Adha (“Festival of Sacrifice”) occurs at the end of the annual pilgrimage season.

The Islamic calendar is a lunar calendar, in which dates are calculated based on the lunar phases, and each new month begins when the waxing crescent moon appears in the sky. Because the 12-month lunar year is approximately 11 days shorter than the solar Gregorian calendar (the 365-day calendar used in the Western world), Islamic months and holidays fall in various seasons depending on the year.

**RESOURCES:**

[Eid al-Fitr - Date, Meaning & Celebration - HISTORY](#)

**May 5**  
**CINCO DE MAYO**






Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is a holiday that celebrates the date of the Mexican army’s May 5, 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. The day, which falls on Wednesday, May 5 in 2021, is also known as Battle of Puebla Day. While it is a relatively minor holiday in Mexico, in the United States, Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a commemoration of Mexican culture and heritage, particularly in areas with large Mexican-American populations.



Cinco de Mayo is not Mexican Independence Day, a popular misconception. Instead, it commemorates a single battle. In 1861, Benito Juárez — a lawyer and member of the Indigenous Zapotec tribe — was elected president of Mexico. At the time, the country was in financial ruin after years of internal strife, and the new president was forced to default on debt payments to European governments.

**RESOURCES:**

[Cinco de Mayo: Facts, Meaning & Celebrations - HISTORY](#)

<p><b>MAY 5</b> <b>WORLD PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE DAY</b></p> 	<p>The date of 5 May was officially established in 2009 by the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP) - an intergovernmental organization that has been in official partnership with UNESCO since 2000, and which brings together peoples with the Portuguese language as one of the foundations of their specific identity - to celebrate the Portuguese language and Lusophone cultures. In 2019, the 40th session of UNESCO's General Conference decided to proclaim 5 May of each year as "World Portuguese Language Day".</p> <p>The Portuguese language is not only one of the most widespread languages in the world, with more than 265 million speakers spread through all continents, but it is also the most widely spoken language in the southern hemisphere. Portuguese remains, today, a major language of international communication and a language with a strong geographical projection, destined to increase.</p> <p>A data de 5 de Maio foi oficialmente estabelecida em 2009 pela Comunidade dos Países de Língua Portuguesa (CPLP) - uma organização intergovernamental, parceira oficial da UNESCO desde 2000, que reúne os povos que têm a língua portuguesa como um dos fundamentos da sua identidade específica - para celebrar a língua portuguesa e as culturas lusófonas. Em 2019, a 40ª sessão da Conferência Geral da UNESCO decidiu proclamar o dia 5 de Maio de cada ano como "Dia Mundial da Língua Portuguesa".</p> <p>A língua portuguesa é não só uma das línguas mais difundidas no mundo, com mais de 265 milhões de falantes espalhados por todos os continentes, como é também a língua mais falada no hemisfério sul. O português continua a ser, hoje, uma das principais línguas de comunicação internacional, e uma língua com uma forte extensão geográfica, destinada a aumentar.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.unesco.org/en/world-portuguese-language-day">World Portuguese language day (unesco.org)</a> (multiple videos)  <a href="https://youtu.be/G0iJgfW8OHk">https://youtu.be/G0iJgfW8OHk</a></p>
<p><b>May 8</b> <b>MOTHERS' DAY</b></p> 	<p>Mother's Day is celebrated across the world every year on the second Sunday of May. It is marked to recognise the immeasurable contribution of mothers in building the lives of their children.</p> <p>According to History.com, Mother's Day dates back to ancient Greeks and Romans who celebrated in the honour of mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele. However, modern reference to the day can be found in Mothering Sunday, which was the fourth Sunday in Lent celebrated in the UK and some parts of Europe.</p> <p>Finally, the second Sunday of May was designated as Mother's Day due to the efforts of Anna Jarvis who wrote to political leaders for inclusion of Mother's Day in the national calendar. Her efforts came to fruit when US President Wilson made Mother's Day official in 1914.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="#">Mother's Day 2021: History and significance of day recognising 'immeasurable contribution' of mothers-India News , Firstpost</a></p>

<p><b>May 12</b> <b>International Nurses' Day</b></p> 	<p>International Nurses' Day is celebrated around the world every May 12, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. ICN commemorates this important day each year with the production and distribution of the International Nurses' Day (IND) resources and evidence.</p> <p>Organised annually by the International Council of Nurses, International Nurses Day celebrates the contribution that nurses make to societies around the world. The date has a very strong significance, being the birthday of perhaps the world's most famous nurse, Florence Nightingale.</p> <p>Alongside the encouragement of a fully deserved congratulations owed to nurses, the organisation also produces an International Nurses Day Kit to educate and assist health workers around the world, with a different theme each year.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b> <a href="#">International Nurses Day   ICN - International Council of Nurses</a></p>
<p><b>May 15</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES (UN)</b></p> 	<p>UN General Assembly realized the importance of the basic family system and declared 15 May as International Family Day in 1993, and firstly was celebrated on 15 May 1994. The family system is the most essential element of social solidarity and a serene society. Since 1996 the UN has been proffering a yearly theme for this Day.</p> <p>UN Secretary-General urged the public policy-makers to settle the obstacles in the family system. The working conditions of parents affect them to play a smart role for their families.</p> <p>The International Day of Families is, therefore, a source to attract the attention of policy-makers to develop need-based policies to create a nurturing environment at the family level for children, because a dysfunctional family system cannot build a functional society.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b> <a href="#">International Day of Families: Theme,Purpose,Facts,Activities,Speech,School Assembly (internationaleventday.com)</a></p>
<p><b>May 16</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF LIVING TOGETHER IN PEACE</b></p> 	<p>United in differences and diversity - Living together in peace is all about accepting differences and having the ability to listen to, recognize, respect and appreciate others, as well as living in a peaceful and united way.</p> <p>The UN General-Assembly, in its resolution 72/130, declared 16 May the International Day of Living Together in Peace, as a means of regularly mobilizing the efforts of the international community to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding and solidarity. The Day aims to uphold the desire to live and act together, united in differences and diversity, in order to build a sustainable world of peace, solidarity and harmony.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b> <a href="#">International Day of Living Together in Peace   United Nations</a></p>

<p>May 18 HAITIAN FLAG DAY</p> 	<p>Haitian Flag Day is a Haitian holiday to celebrate the creation of the Flag of Haiti and revolution in Haiti that gave its people freedom from France and set the precedent for slave uprisings in the US. The day is celebrated each year on the 18th of May, which is the anniversary of the date of the flag's adoption in 1803. The day is observed in numerous cities of the US that have a large Haitian population.[1][2]</p> <p>The day is observed and celebrated by Haitians living in and outside of Haiti. The grounds of the national palace in Haiti are the center of celebrations in the country. Whereas, Haitian residing in other countries honor the flag and the struggle that it symbolizes.[3][4]</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haitian_Flag_Day">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haitian_Flag_Day</a></p>
<p>May 21 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY (for dialogue and development)</p> 	<p>In 2001, UNESCO adopted the <u>Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity</u>, and in December 2002, the UN General Assembly, in its resolution <u>57/249</u>, declared May 21 to be the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development, and in 2015, the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly unanimously adopted the resolution on Culture and Sustainable Development <u>A/C.2/70/L.59</u>, affirming culture's contribution to the three dimensions of sustainable development, acknowledging further the natural and cultural diversity of the world, and recognizing that cultures and civilizations can contribute to, and are crucial enablers of, sustainable development.</p> <p>The day provides us with an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the values of cultural diversity and to advance the four goals of the <u>UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions</u> adopted on 20 October 2005:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support sustainable systems of governance for culture</li> <li>• Achieve a balanced flow of cultural goods and services and increase mobility of artists and cultural professionals</li> <li>• Integrate culture in sustainable development frameworks</li> <li>• Promote human rights and fundamental freedoms</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="#">World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development   United Nations</a></p>
<p>May 30 MEMORIAL DAY</p> 	<p>Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2021 will occur on Monday, May 31.</p> <p>Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="#">Memorial Day 2021: Facts, Meaning &amp; Traditions - HISTORY</a></p>



# JUNE 2022

## CULTURAL CELEBRATION/ EVENT

## DESCRIPTION

### LGBTQIAA+ PRIDE MONTH



“Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. The Stonewall Uprising was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. In the United States the last Sunday in June was initially celebrated as ‘Gay Pride Day,’ but the actual day was flexible. In major cities across the nation the ‘day’ soon grew to encompass a month-long series of events. Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts, and LGBTQ Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world. Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally.” (Library of Congress)

#### RESOURCES:

<https://www.census.gov/newsroom/stories/lgbt-pride-month.html>

### NATIONAL CARRIBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



“America’s diversity is and always has been the defining strength of our Nation — in every generation, our society, spirit, and shared ambitions have been refreshed by wave after wave of immigrants seeking out their American dream. Throughout our history, Caribbean Americans have brought vibrant cultures, languages, traditions, and values that strengthen our country and add new chapters to our common story. In recognition of Caribbean Americans’ countless gifts and contributions to our Nation, we celebrate National Caribbean-American Heritage Month.”



“Caribbean Heritage Month commemoration was adopted by the U.S. House of Representatives in 2005 to recognize the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States. The resolution passed the Senate in Feb. 2006 and President George H.W. Bush issued the proclamation in June 2006.




Since the declaration, the White House has issued an annual proclamation recognizing June as Caribbean-American Heritage Month. This year marks the fifteenth anniversary of June as National Caribbean American Heritage Month.”



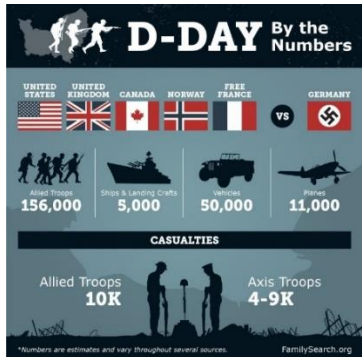
#### RESOURCES:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/06/01/a-proclamation-on-national-caribbean-american-heritage-month-2021/>

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/pr/about/civilrights/?cid=nrcseprd1331869>

<p><b>NATIONAL IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH</b></p> 	<p>"America is, always has been, and always will be a Nation of immigrants. It was the premise of our founding; it is reflected in our Constitution; it is etched upon the Statue of Liberty — that "from her beacon-hand glows world-wide welcome." During National Immigrant Heritage Month, we reaffirm and draw strength from that enduring identity and celebrate the history and achievements of immigrant communities across our Nation."</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b></p> <p><a href="https://nhcoa.org/immigrant-heritage-month/#:~:text=June%20is%20Immigrant%20Heritage%20Month,been%2C%20a%20nation%20of%20immigrants.">https://nhcoa.org/immigrant-heritage-month/#:~:text=June%20is%20Immigrant%20Heritage%20Month,been%2C%20a%20nation%20of%20immigrants.</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/06/01/a-proclamation-on-national-immigrant-heritage-month-2021/">https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/06/01/a-proclamation-on-national-immigrant-heritage-month-2021/</a></p>
<p><b>NATIONAL REUNIFICATION MONTH</b></p> 	<p>Celebrated in June each year, <b>National Reunification Month</b> recognizes the people and efforts around the country that help families stay together. Family reunification has consistently remained the primary permanency goal for children who are placed in out of home care (foster care). An important part of successful family reunification is the way in which foster parents support family reunification and family engagement throughout the entire child welfare process. The role of a foster provider is to provide temporary, supportive care for children who are in out of home placement. Their role is also to be a support to birth parents as they are working through the child welfare process to reunify their family. It is always the goal for families to reunify and remain together as a family unit.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b></p> <p><a href="https://evolveservices.org/blog/national-reunification-month-june-2020/">https://evolveservices.org/blog/national-reunification-month-june-2020/</a></p>
<p><b>(first full week of June)</b> <b>COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT WEEK</b></p> 	<p>ACHI's Community Health Improvement Week is a national event to recognize community health professionals for their passion and dedication to improving the health of the communities they serve. CHI week raises awareness, demonstrates impact, and celebrates the individuals and organizations that work to advance the health and well-being of their communities. This week, ACHI will encourage you to advance health and well-being by bridging care and community. ACHI will release multiple resources aligning with our daily themes, including guides, webinars, podcasts and design tools to guide your path to population health. Community Health Improvement Week is held during the first (full) week in June. It honors health professionals both in hospital setting and those who work more closely with communities.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.iabhp.com/national-wellness-observance-calendar/community-health-improvement-week/">https://www.iabhp.com/national-wellness-observance-calendar/community-health-improvement-week/</a></p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>June 1</b> <b>GLOBAL DAY OF PARENTS</b></p> 	<p>Every year on 1 June, the world celebrates Global Day Of Parents. It is a day to celebrate the contribution of parents in the upbringing of their children. The day also acknowledges that the development of children is the primary responsibility of the family. Children should live in a family environment for their personality to grow completely.</p> <p>The UN states that the day gives us an opportunity to appreciate all parents for the selfless commitment they have towards children and the lifelong sacrifices they make to nurture their relationship with children.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.firstpost.com/world/global-day-of-parents-2021-history-importance-and-challenges-of-parenting-during-covid-19-pandemic-9673751.html">https://www.firstpost.com/world/global-day-of-parents-2021-history-importance-and-challenges-of-parenting-during-covid-19-pandemic-9673751.html</a> </p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>June 1</b> <b>NATIONAL STAND FOR CHILDREN DAY</b></p> 	<p><b>June 1 – National Stand for Children Day</b></p> <p>Every year on Stand For Children Day, celebrated on 1 June, thousands of Americans raise awareness about the issues faced by children in the U.S. Some of the problems include education, childcare, access to health services, and personality-building activities. Over the years, the focus of the day has also shifted to ensuring that public schools are funded properly and include educated teachers who adopt modern teaching methods. Achieving racial justice, too, has become a critical mission since numerous children face discrimination from a young age. Motivated to make a difference for the children of tomorrow? Now is the time to raise your voice!</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://nationaltoday.com/stand-children-day/">https://nationaltoday.com/stand-children-day/</a> </p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>June 1</b> <b>NATIONAL SAY SOMETHING NICE DAY</b></p> 	<p>There's an adage that says that people may not remember what you do, but they'll certainly remember how you made them feel, and at no time is that more true than on National Say Something Nice Day, observed on June 1 each year. This holiday is about lifting your co-workers, family members, acquaintances, even foes, with genuine kind words – being a “lifter,” and seeing how much healthier and happier you feel in the process. It takes discipline. In some cases, you may feel that negative beliefs you have about certain others are most definitely based on truthful reality. The challenge of National Say Something Nice Day is to put those beliefs aside – no matter how warranted you feel they are – and find something you really appreciate in each person. That is, it's not about syrupy false compliments. If you exercise your mind, you can find something positive about any of the people you come across today. Maybe you like the hairstyle of the cop who just wrote you a ticket. Maybe you admire the management style of the co-worker that got the promotion you were passed up for. Look within yourself for the positive, and it will come back to you tenfold.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://nationaltoday.com/national-say-something-nice-day/">https://nationaltoday.com/national-say-something-nice-day/</a> </p>

<p><b>June 5</b> <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> (Christianity)</p> 	<p>Pentecost was the celebration of the beginning of the early weeks of harvest. In Palestine, there were two harvests each year. The early harvest came during the months of May and June; the final harvest came in the Fall. Pentecost was the celebration of the beginning of the early wheat harvest, which meant that Pentecost always fell sometime during the middle of the month of May or sometimes in early June.</p> <p>There were several festivals, celebrations, or observances that took place before Pentecost. There was Passover, there was Unleavened Bread, and there was the Feast of Firstfruits. The Feast of Firstfruits was the celebration of the beginning of the barley harvest. Here's the way you figured out the date of Pentecost.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b> <a href="https://www.christianity.com/jesus/early-church-history/pentecost/where-did-pentecost-come-from.html">https://www.christianity.com/jesus/early-church-history/pentecost/where-did-pentecost-come-from.html</a></p>																
<p><b>June 5</b> <b>SHAVUOT</b> (Judaism)</p> 	<p>Shavuot, the “Feast of Weeks,” is celebrated seven weeks after Passover (Pesach). Since the counting of this period (sefirat ha-omer) begins on the second evening of Passover, Shavuot takes place exactly 50 days after the (first) seder. Hence, following the Greek word for “fifty,” Shavuot is also referred to sometimes as Pentecost. Although its origins are to be found in an ancient grain harvest festival, Shavuot has long been identified with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.</p> <p>Shavuot combines two major religious observances. First is the grain harvest of the early summer. Second is the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai seven weeks after the exodus from Egypt. The first determines the ritual for the holiday, which was one of the three pilgrimage festivals of ancient Israel, when Israelite males were commanded to appear before God in Jerusalem, bringing offerings of the first fruits of their harvest. The second determines the significance of the holiday for Judaism, tying it in with the seminal event of Jewish religious memory, namely the entering into a covenant between God and Israel, exemplified by Israel’s assumption of Divine law.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b> <a href="https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/shavuot-101/">https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/shavuot-101/</a></p>																
<p><b>June 6</b> <b>D DAY</b></p>  <table><caption>D-DAY By the Numbers</caption><tr><th>UNITED STATES</th><th>UNITED KINGDOM</th><th>CANADA</th><th>NORWAY</th><th>FREE FRANCE</th><th>GERMANY</th></tr><tr><td>156,000</td><td>5,000</td><td>50,000</td><td>11,000</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <table><caption>CASUALTIES</caption><tr><th>Allied Troops</th><th>Axis Troops</th></tr><tr><td>10K</td><td>4-9K</td></tr></table> <p><small>*Numbers are estimates and vary throughout several sources. FamilySearch.org</small></p>	UNITED STATES	UNITED KINGDOM	CANADA	NORWAY	FREE FRANCE	GERMANY	156,000	5,000	50,000	11,000			Allied Troops	Axis Troops	10K	4-9K	<p>During World War II (1939-1945), the Battle of Normandy, which lasted from June 1944 to August 1944, resulted in the Allied liberation of Western Europe from Nazi Germany’s control. Codenamed Operation Overlord, the battle began on June 6, 1944, also known as D-Day, when some 156,000 American, British, and Canadian forces landed on five beaches along a 50-mile stretch of the heavily fortified coast of France’s Normandy region. The invasion was one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history and required extensive planning. Prior to D-Day, the Allies conducted a large-scale deception campaign designed to mislead the Germans about the intended invasion target. By late August 1944, all northern France had been liberated, and by the following spring the Allies had defeated the Germans. The Normandy landings have been called the beginning of the end of war in Europe.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b> <a href="https://www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/d-day">https://www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/d-day</a></p>
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**June 12  
LOVING DAY**



"The "Loving" in Loving Day is actually the last name of Mildred and Richard Loving. The Loving Day Story begins when they were arrested for being married in 1958 because they were an interracial couple living in Virginia. Their case, *Loving v. Virginia* (1967), reached the U.S. Supreme Court. Their lawyers argued that laws against interracial marriage came from slavery laws, intended to oppress Black people, and based on white supremacy. Other states had similar laws. Some of these laws applied to people of other races as well. Nine years after their arrest, the Lovings won their case on June 12th, 1967 (which is why Loving Day is on June 12th). It was more than a victory for their family. It struck down all state laws against interracial marriage in the U.S."

**RESOURCES:**

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<https://lovingday.org/>  
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**June 14  
FLAG DAY**



When the American Revolution broke out in 1775, the colonists weren't fighting united under a single flag. Instead, most regiments participating in the war for independence against the British fought under their own flags. In June of 1775, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia to create the Continental Army – a unified colonial fighting force – with the hopes of more organized battle against its colonial oppressors. This led to the creation of what was, essentially, the first "American" flag, the Continental Colors. For some, this flag, which was comprised of 13 red and white alternating stripes and a Union Jack in the corner, was too similar to that of the British. George Washington soon realized that flying a flag that was even remotely close to the British flag was not a great confidence-builder for the revolutionary effort, so he turned his efforts towards creating a new symbol of freedom for the soon-to-be fledgling nation. On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution stating that "the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white," and that "the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." Over 100 years later, in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day. As you celebrate the anniversary of the Stars and Stripes, here are some fast facts about "Old Glory."

**RESOURCES:**

<https://www.history.com/news/what-is-flag-day>

<p><b>June 18</b> <b>AUTISTIC PRIDE DAY</b> AUTISTIC PRIDE</p> 	<p>Autistic Pride Day was first celebrated in 2005 by the organization Aspies For Freedom (AFF), so that the people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) could have one day where they could celebrate their neurodiversity and differences. Thanks to them, it became an event celebrated worldwide. One amazing quality about this event is that it is not run by charities; it is run by individuals with ASD.</p> <p>Autistic Pride Day is celebrated on June 18 of every year and is a day dedicated to individuals with ASD for them to be autistic and proud and celebrate who they are. It is celebrated by all autism organizations worldwide to join each other through events and to show that individuals with ASD are unique.</p> <p>Autistic Pride Day is characterized by the rainbow infinity symbol. This symbol signifies the diversity of individuals with ASD and the endless opportunities and differences within the autistic community.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.myautism.org/news-features/autistic-pride-day">https://www.myautism.org/news-features/autistic-pride-day</a> </p>
<p><b>June 19</b> <b>JUNETEENTH</b></p> 	<p>Juneteenth commemorates the effective end of slavery in the United States. Juneteenth (short for "June Nineteenth") marks the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. The troops' arrival came a full two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday. On June 17, 2021, it officially became a federal holiday.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.history.com/news/what-is-juneteenth">https://www.history.com/news/what-is-juneteenth</a> </p>
<p><b>June 19</b> <b>FATHERS' DAY</b></p> 	<p>Father's Day in the United States is on the third Sunday of June. It celebrates the contribution that fathers and father figures make for their children's lives. Its origins may lie in a memorial service held for a large group of men, many of them fathers, who were killed in a mining accident in Monongah, West Virginia in 1907.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b>  <a href="https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/fathers-day">https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/fathers-day</a> </p>

<p><b>June 21</b> <b>WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY</b></p> 	<p>World Down Syndrome Day (WDS), 21 March, is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. The date for WDS being the 21<sup>st</sup> day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21<sup>st</sup> chromosome which causes Down syndrome. Down Syndrome Association Singapore launched and hosted the WDS website from 2006-2010, on behalf of Dsi, for global activities to be recorded. The Brazilian Federation of Associations of Down Syndrome worked with Down Syndrome International and its members to launch an extensive campaign to generate international support. Following the joint work of Brazil and Poland, the resolution was adopted by consensus during the plenary meeting of the Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly on Thursday 10 November 2011.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b> <a href="https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/about-wdsd">https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/about-wdsd</a></p>
<p><b>June 22</b> <b>INTI RAYMI (INCA SUN FESTIVAL)</b> <b>(Ecuador)</b></p> 	<p>“Inti Raymi history dates back to the start of Tawantinsuyu, the Quechua term for the Inca Empire. Inti Raymi was the most important Incan festival. Inti Raymi in the time of the Incas was a religious ceremony, nowadays is a theatrical representation. However, it still gives a sense of identity to the people of Cusco, bringing back moral values and memories that are essential to the city and, most importantly: it represents a cultural heritage that’s still alive in every Cusqueñan heart. Today, it’s the second largest festival in South America, still celebrated in indigenous cultures throughout the andes. Actors are chosen over the year and their costumes are carefully prepared with golden and silver ornaments denoting rank among the nobles and high priests. Celebrations all around involve music and dances.”</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b> <a href="https://www.peruhop.com/history-of-inti-raymi/">https://www.peruhop.com/history-of-inti-raymi/</a></p>
<p><b>June 30</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP</b></p> 	<p>International Day of Friendship was designated by the United Nations General Assembly (U.N.). On July 30, we step back and get thankful for these relationships worldwide, as they promote and encourage peace, happiness, and unity. The U.N. encourages governments, community groups, and other organizations to coordinate activities and events that celebrate the friendships that we keep close to us. Many events focus on reconciliation, bridging understanding and consensus, and finding comfort in those friendships that feel like home.</p> <p><b>RESOURCES:</b> <a href="https://nationaltoday.com/international-day-friendship/">https://nationaltoday.com/international-day-friendship/</a></p>