

Diversity Calendar 2022

Monthly cultural celebrations nationally and worldwide.



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FEBRUARY:

Black History Month celebrates African American History.

February was chosen because Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, two men prominent in eliminating slavery, were both born in February.

2/1 – **Chinese New Year**: festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year in the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar

2/11 – **Birthday of Tammy Baldwin (LGBTQ+)**: first openly LGBT woman elected to both the United States House of Representatives and the Senate.

2/14 – **Birthday of Frederick Douglass (Black American)**: well-known American social reformer and abolitionist, Douglass escaped slavery and became a prominent activist during the Civil War

2/15 – **Nirvana Day (Buddhist)**: also known as Parinirvana, this annual festival remembers the death of the Buddha after he reached Nirvana.

2/15 – **Birthday of Susan B. Anthony (Women)**: one of the most visible leaders of the women's suffrage movement.

MARCH:

Women's History Month honors the vital role of women in American history.

3/2 – **Ash Wednesday (Christian)**: a day of prayer and fasting, Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent.

3/10 – **Birthday of Harriet Tubman (Black American)**: abolitionist/activist, best known for her role on the Underground Railroad.

3/17 – **St. Patrick's Day (Irish)**: Feast of Saint Patrick, a cultural and religious celebration held around the world.

3/21 – **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (United Nations)**: after an incident in which police killed 69 people in South Africa in 1960, the UN created this event to call for elimination of racial discrimination.

3/19 – **Holi (Hindu)**: holidays celebrating the winter harvest and the onset of spring.

APRIL:

4/2 – **World Autism Awareness Day (People with Disabilities)**: Seeks to improve the lives of those who suffer from autism.

4/2 – **Ramadan (Islamic)**: First day of Islam's sacred month for Muslims abstain from eating and drinking from dusk until dawn.

4/15 – **Passover (Jewish)**: Start of Jewish holiday honoring the freeing of Israeli slaves.

4/17 – **Easter (Christian)**: Most important holy day in the Christian faith, celebrates the resurrection of Jesus after his crucifixion.

4/22 – **Earth Day (International)**: Celebrates the planet we live on, observed internationally in more than 192 countries.

4/21-23 – **Gathering of Nations (Native American)**: More than 500 Native tribes meet and celebrate various traditions & cultures

MAY:

Mental Health Awareness Month: Recognizes the impact of mental illness on families and communities, and raises awareness for those living with mental and behavioral issues.

Older Americans Month: Celebrates the contributions of older Americans in the country.

Jewish American Heritage Month: Honors the history of American Jews and their accomplishments.

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month: Celebrates their contributions to society.

5/5 – **Cinco de Mayo (Mexican American)**: Commemorates Mexico's defeat of the French army.

5/8 – **Birthday of the Buddha (Buddhist)**: celebrates the spiritual leader who launched one of the world's most popular religions.

5/17 – **International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (LGBTQ+)**: Raises awareness for LGBTQ+ rights.

5/19 – **Birthday of Malcolm X (Black American/Muslim)**: A Black Muslim minister civil rights movement assassinated in 1965.

JUNE:

LGBT Pride Month: Commemorates the NYC Stonewall Riots & recognizes the global impact and contributions to LGBT people around the world.

Caribbean American Heritage Month: Celebrates Caribbean culture and history in the U.S.

6/2 – **Indian Citizenship Act of 1924 (Native Americans):** Granted the right of citizenship to all Native Americans born in the U.S. However, the right to vote was not granted until 1957.

6/12 – **Loving Day (Black American):** Anniversary of a historic court decision for interracial marriage.

6/12 – **Puerto Rican Day Parade (Puerto Rican):** Largest demonstration of cultural pride in the United States promotes prominent, historical figures and seeks to raise awareness of critical issues in the community.

6/19 – **Juneteenth (Black American):** The anniversary of when African Americans first learned of the Emancipation Proclamation in the United States more than two years after it was initially issued.

6/27 – **Birthdays of Helen Keller (People with Disabilities):** Known for being both blind and deaf, Keller was one of the 20th century's leading humanitarians and co-founder of the ACLU.

JULY:

7/2 – **Birthdays of Thurgood Marshall (Black American):** A civil rights activist & first Black Associate Justice of the Supreme Court

7/6 – **Birthdays of 14th Dalai Lama (Tibetan):** Birthdays of the Nobel Peace Prize recipient and Tibet's leader in exile.

7/6 – **Birthdays of Frida Kahlo (Women, Mexican):** One of the most recognizable painters of the 20th century.

7/7 – **The Hajj (Islamic):** Annual pilgrimage to Mecca that all Muslims must take at least once in their lives.

7/18 – **Birthdays of Nelson Mandela (South African):** International civil rights activist and South Africa's first black president.

7/25 – **Pioneer Day (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) observed:** Utah official holiday marks the arrival of LDS church founder Brigham Young arriving to the Salt Lake area.

7/26 – **Americans with Disabilities Act:** Outlawed the discrimination against people with disabilities

AUGUST:

8/4 – **Birthdays of Barack Obama (Black American):** First African American President of the United States.

8/9 – **International Day of the World's Indigenous People (United Nations):** Celebrates the cultures of indigenous peoples around the world.

8/15 – **Feast of the Assumption (Roman Catholic):** Marks the entry of Mary (mother of Jesus), body and soul, into Heaven.

8/18 – **Birth of Lord Krishna (Hindu):** Also called Janmashtami, this day celebrates the birth of one of the most popular deities in the Hindu faith, celebrated with a great festival.

8/24 – **Birthdays of Marlee Matlin (People with Disabilities):** The only hearing-impaired actor to win an Oscar for best actress.

8/26 – **Women's Equality Day:** Commemorates the American women gaining the right to vote in 1920.

8/30 – **Al-Hijri (Islamic):** This holiday marks the start of the New Year in the Muslim faith. It begins the prior evening.

8/31 – **Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu):** festival celebrating the birth of Lord Ganesha, the God of new beginnings and a fresh start.

SEPTEMBER:

9/15-10/15 – National Hispanic Heritage Month: Honors the culture and contributions of both Hispanic and Latino Americans.

National Recovery Month: Helps to educate all Americans on treatment and mental health services for those with substance use disorder.

9/20 – **HeForShe (Women):** Initiated by the UN to promote gender equality.

9/22 – **Autumnal Equinox:** From summer to fall, the autumnal equinox is a time for various religious observances worldwide.

9/25 – 9/27 – **Rosh Hashanah (Jewish):** The Jewish New Year, a time for reflection in the faith.

OCTOBER:

Global Diversity Awareness Month: Aims to promote knowledge and respect for various cultures.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month: Advocates for people with disabilities, and their inclusion in the workforce.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Aims to increase awareness of the disease, one of the leading causes of death in women

National Polish American Heritage Month: Honors Polish heritage. October was chosen because it was when Polish settlers first arrived in Jamestown, VA in 1608.

10/10 – World Mental Health Day (People with Disabilities): Promotes mental health awareness and education, and advocates against social stigma relating to mental health

10/10 – Indigenous Peoples’ Day (United States): Formerly ‘Columbus Day’ it honors the indigenous people of North America.

10/21 – Spirit Day (LGBTQ+): Wear purple on this day to support LGBTQ youth and speak out against bullying.

10/24 – Diwali (Hindu): Significant celebration in the Hindu faith in which they praise diverse deities.

NOVEMBER:

Native American Heritage Month: Celebrates the culture and heritage of individuals who deeply enrich the United States.

Movember: Recognizes a month-long fundraiser for men’s issues, including prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men’s suicide.

10/31 (Halloween) – 11/1 – All Saints Day – 11/2 All Souls Day/Día de los Muertos: Days commemorating those who have passed away in the Christian faith, and Mexican and Aztec communities.

11/16 – International Day for Tolerance (United Nations): Founded by the UN to promote respect for various religions, languages, ethnicities, and cultures

11/16 – Dutch American Heritage Day: Established to celebrate the longstanding friendship between the U.S. and the Netherlands

11/20 – Transgender Day of Remembrance (LGBTQ+): Seeks to remember those who were murdered due to transphobia.

DECEMBER:

12/1 – World AIDS Day: Helps raise awareness of HIV/AIDs and money to cure it

12/3 – International Day of Persons with Disabilities (United Nations): Raises awareness for the rights and well-being of those with disabilities

12/10 – International Human Rights Day (United Nations): Adopted by the UN in 1948, celebrates the day it the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

12/16-12/24 – Las Posadas (Mexican): Religious festival in Mexico and some parts of the U.S. (primarily those with Mexican-Americans) of the Christmas season.

12/18-12/26 – Hanukkah (Jewish): Celebrates the Jews triumphing over the Syrian Greeks for their independence

12/21 – Winter Solstice/Yule: The winter sabbat according to the Pagan and Wiccan faiths

12/25 – Christmas (Christian): Global holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

12/26 – Kwanzaa (Black): 8-day holiday inspired by African harvest celebrations

JANUARY:

1/1 – New Years Day and The Emancipation Proclamation (Black American): In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln declared all persons held as slaves in the United States would be free.

1/4 – Birthday of Louis Braille (People with Disabilities): French educator Louis Braille created a system of reading and writing for those who are visually impaired. His system, known worldwide as “braille,” remains largely unchanged today.

1/6 – Feast of the Epiphany (Christian): Feast celebrating the relevance of God incarnate as Jesus Christ.

1/14 – Makar Sankranti (Hindu): Hindu faith festival that dedicated to the Hindu religious sun god Surya

1/17 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Black American): The American Baptist minister and activist, revered in history as one of the great leaders of the American civil rights movement.

1/27 – International Day of Commemoration in Memory of Victims of the Holocaust (United Nations): Recognizing the approximately 6 million Jewish men, women and children murdered during World War II.



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In 2020 the Northern California journalism program at San Jose State University documented global protest developments following the brutal death of George Floyd in Minneapolis in May. This historic content research site was created for professional and student media researchers by NATAS SF Diversity Chair, Professor Bob Rucker, a former CNN Correspondent and Director Emeritus of the SJSU School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

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