

# JANUARY

## National Mentoring Month

January 1  
New Year's Day

January 1  
Temple Day (Buddhist)

January 1-3  
Japanese New Year Celebration

January 6  
Epiphany (Christian)

January 14  
Makar Sankranti (Hindu)

January 16  
Religious Freedom Day

January 17  
World Religion Day

January 18  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday  
(Federal Holiday observed)

January 20, 1-3 pm  
VA Diversity Council Meeting  
Washington, DC  
<http://www.diversity.va.gov/council>

January 24  
Mahayana New Year (Buddhist)

January 24-25  
Tu Bishvat (Jewish)

# FEBRUARY

## Black History Month

February 2  
Candlemas (Jewish)

February 4  
Rosa Parks Day

February 5  
National Wear Red Day

February 8  
Lunar New Year  
Losar (Tibetan)

February 10  
Ash Wednesday (Christian)

February 12  
Vasant Panchami (Hindu)

February 14  
St. Valentine's Day

February 14-20  
Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week

February 15  
Washington's Birthday/Presidents' Day  
(Federal Holiday Observed)

February 15  
Parinirvana-Nirvana Day (Buddhist)

February 26-March 1  
The Intercalary Days (Baha'i)

# MARCH

## Irish American Heritage Month

## National Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month

## National Professional Social Work Month

## National Women's History Month

March 2  
Nineteen Day Fast (Baha'i)

March 2-6  
Telework Week

March 4  
Casimir Pulaski Memorial Day

March 4-5  
Purim (Jewish)

March 5  
Magha Puja (Buddhist)

March 6  
Holi (Festival of Colors) (Hindu)

March 7-9  
Hola Mohalla (Sikh)

March 8  
International Women's Day

March 13-April 15  
Deaf History Month

March 17  
St. Patrick's Day

March 20  
Ostara (Wiccan)

March 21  
Now-Ruz (Persian & Baha'i New Year)

March 23-27  
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender  
(LGBT) Health Awareness Week

March 25  
Greek Independence Day

March 25  
Good Friday (Christian)

March 27  
Easter (Christian)

March 29  
Palm Sunday

March 30  
Magha Puja Day (Buddhist)

March 31  
Cesar Chavez Day

# APRIL

## National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

## National Minority Health Month

## National Child Abuse Prevention Month

## National Cancer Control Month

## Limb Loss Awareness Month

April 2  
World Autism Awareness Day

April 12  
National Equal Pay Day

April 13  
Vaisakhi (Sikh/Buddhist)  
Baisakhi (Hindu)

April 14  
Pan American Day

April 14-20  
Pan American Week

April 15  
National Day of Silence

April 21  
Ridván (Baha'i)

April 22-30  
Passover (Jewish)

April 28  
Take our Daughters and Sons to Work  
<http://www.daughtersandsonstowork.org>

## MAY

**National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**  
**Jewish American Heritage Month**  
**National Mental Health Awareness Month**  
**Older Americans Month**  
**Better Hearing and Speech Month**

May 1  
Flores de Mayo/International Labor Day/May Day/Lei Day/Beltane (Gaelic)

May 3  
Buddha's Birthday

May 4  
Federal Inter-Agency Holocaust Remembrance Program  
Washington, DC  
<http://holocaustremembrance.org>

May 4-5  
Yom Ha-Shoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

May 5  
Cinco de Mayo

May 6  
Military Spouse Appreciation Day

May 7  
National Day of Prayer

May 8  
Mother's Day  
V-E (Victory in Europe) Day

May 8-14  
National Women's Health Week

May 14-21  
Armed Forces Week

May 15  
Pentecost (Christian)

May 17  
Anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education Decision

May 21  
Armed Forces Day

May 21  
Wesak (Buddhist)

May 22  
Trinity Sunday (Christian)

May 22-23  
Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i)

May 28-29  
Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)

May 30  
Memorial Day

## JUNE

**National Caribbean American Heritage Month**  
**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month**  
**African-American Music Appreciation Month**

June 1  
Wesak (Buddhist)

June 6  
D-Day

June 8  
VA National Diversity Internship Program (NDIP) Welcome Ceremony  
VA Central Office

June 11  
Asian American Government Executives Network (AAGEN) Annual Leadership Workshop  
Arlington, VA <http://aagen.org>

June 14  
Flag Day

June 15-19  
Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) National Training Program  
Minneapolis, MN  
<http://saige.org>

June 18-July 16  
Ramadan

June 19  
Juneteenth

June 21  
Father's Day

## JULY

July 2  
Lailat al-Qadr (Islamic)

July 4  
Independence Day

July 6  
Eid al-Fitr (Islamic)

July 8-9  
Martyrdom of the Bab (Baha'i)

July 26  
Americans with Disabilities Act Signed

July 27  
National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

## AUGUST

August 1  
Lughnasadh (Gaelic)

August 6  
Transfiguration

August 9  
International Day of the World's Indigenous People

August 10  
V-J Day

August 13-14  
Tisha B'Av (Jewish)

August 15  
Assumption of the Virgin Mary

August 18  
Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)

August 26  
Women's Equality Day

## SEPTEMBER

**Suicide Prevention Month**  
**National Preparedness Month**

September 5  
Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)

September 5  
Labor Day

September 11  
Patriot Day

September 11  
Grandparents' Day

September 11-12  
Yom Kippur (Jewish)

September 12  
Eid al-Adha (Islamic)

September 12-18  
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions  
Week

September 15-October 15  
National Hispanic Heritage Month

September 17  
Constitution Day/Citizenship Day

September 21  
World Peace Day

September 26-30  
National Historically Black Colleges  
and Universities (HBCU) Week

## OCTOBER

**National Domestic Violence Awareness  
Month**

**National Disability Employment Aware-  
ness Month**

**National Work & Family Month**

October 2-4  
Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)

October 6  
German-American Day

October 9  
Leif Erikson Day

October 9-15  
Mental Illness Awareness Week

October 10  
Columbus Day/National Indigenous  
People's Day

October 11  
General Pulaski Memorial Day

October 11  
National Coming Out Day

October 11  
Vijayadashami/Dussehra/Dasara/  
Dashain (Hindu)

October 11  
Ashura (Islamic)

October 16-23  
Sukkot (Jewish)

October 20  
Birth of the Bab (Baha'i)

October 23-24  
Shemini Atzeret (Jewish)

October 24-25  
Simchat Torah (Jewish)

October 25  
Hijri New Year (Islamic)

October 30-November 3  
Diwali (Hindu)

October 31  
Halloween

October 31  
Samhain (Gaelic)

## NOVEMBER

**National Native American Heritage Month**

**National Family Caregivers Month**

**Military Family Month**

November 20  
Transgender Day of Remembrance

November 22-28  
National Family Week

November 24  
Thanksgiving

November 27-December 24  
Advent (Christian)

## DECEMBER

**Universal Human Rights Month**

December 1  
World AIDS Day

December 1  
Rosa Parks Day

December 3  
International Day of Persons with  
Disabilities

December 7  
Pearl Harbor Day

December 10  
Human Rights Day

December 15  
Bill of Rights Day

December 24-January 1  
Hanukkah (Feast of Lights/Dedication)

December 25  
Yule/Christmas (Christian)

December 26-January 1  
Kwanzaa

December 31  
New Year's Eve