DIVERSITY AND MULTICULTURAL CALENDAR BY MONTH

(Some dates might vary each year)

Calendar Year 2025

MONTH	MONTH-LONG OBSERVATION	CULTURAL EVENT
January	 Co-dependency Awareness Month (U.S.) National Braille Literacy Month National Mentoring Month Poverty in America Awareness Month National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month 	 January 1 – New Year's Day January 4 – World Braille Day (Human rights for blind and partially sighted people, United Nations) January 6 – Christmas (Armenian Orthodox Christians) January 7 – Christmas (Eastern Orthodox Christians) January 7 – Christmas (Eastern Orthodox Christians) January 11 – National Human Trafficking Awareness Day January 13 – Korean American Day January 14 - February 26 – Magh Mela Prayagraj (Allahabad), Annual festival along with sacred bathing rituals (Hindu) January 14 – Mahayana New Year (Buddhist) January 19 – World Religion Day January 20– Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 21 – National Day of Education January 24 – World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture January 26-27 – Lailat al Miraj (Celebration of the Prophet Muhammad's journey) January 27 – International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (United Nations)

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		 January 29 – Lunar New Year (China, Korea, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, and Mongolia, etc.)
February	 African American/Black History Month Ethnic Equality Month Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month (U.S.) National Therapeutic Recreation Month Wise Health Care Consumer Month 	 February 1 – International Day of Black Women in the Arts February 1 – National Freedom Day (African American) February 3 – National Missing Persons Day February 4 – World Cancer Day (Global) February 7 – National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD) February 9 – Autism Sunday (2nd Sunday of Feb.) February 11 – Anniversary of the Black Cat Tavern Protest on February 11, 1967 (LGBTQ+) February 12 – Lantern Festival (China) February 14 – National Donor Day (U.S.) February 15 – Maghi Purnima (Hindu) February 15 – Nirvana Day (Buddhist) February 17 – President's Day (U.S.) February 17 – President's Day (U.S.) February 20 – World Day of Social Justice February 21 – National Mother Language Day February 21 – National No One Eats Alone Day

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		 February 24-March 2 – Eating Disorder Awareness Week (U.S.) February 25 - 26 – Maha Shivarati (Hindu festival in honor of the deity Shiva) February 28 – Peace Memorial Day (Taiwan, Republic of China) February 28-March 30 – Ramadan (Annual observance commemorating the revelation of the Qur'an in Muslim culture)
March	 Bisexual Health Awareness Month Brain Injury Awareness Month Color Therapy Month (U.S.) Deaf History Month Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (U.S.) Gender Equality Month Greek-American Heritage Month Irish-American Heritage Month National Nutrition Month National Nutrition Month Red Cross Month (U.S.) Self-Injury Awareness Month Social Work Month 	 March 1 – Disability Day of Mourning (U.S.) March 1 – Independence Movement Day (Korean) March 1 – International Wheelchair Day (Global) March 1 – Self-Injury Awareness Day (Global) March 2-8 – Celebrate Your Name Week (First full week) March 2-8 – Words Matter Week (First full week) March 5 – Ash Wednesday (Christian) March 7 – Employee Appreciation Day March 8 – International Women's Day March 10 – National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (U.S.) March 12 – Capitol Crawl Day (People with Disability) March 13-14 – Purim (Jewish holiday commemorating Jewish people's salvation from Haman) March 14 – Write Your Story Day March 17 – St. Patrick's Day (Irish) March 17 – National Wellderly Day (or Well- Elderly Day, 3rd Monday of March)

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	Transgender Month of Action for Healthcare Equality	 March 17-21 – National LGBTQ+ Health Awareness Week March 19 – Client's Day March 19 – National Certified Nurses Day March 20 – Naw-Ruz (Baha'l New Year) March 21 – International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (United Nations) March 21 – International Nowruz Day (Persian New Year, United Nations) March 23 – National Atheist Day March 25 – International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade March 30 – Mothering Sunday (English Mothers' Day, 4th Sunday in Lent) March 30 – World Bipolar Day March 31 – International Transgender Day of Visibility (Global) March 31 – Cesar Chavez Day
April	 Alcohol Awareness Month Arab-American Heritage Month Autism Awareness Month yes Celebrate Diversity Month Couple Appreciation Month Earth Month 	 April 2 – World Autism Awareness Day (United Nations) April 2 – Sizdah Bedar (Nature's Day - Iranian festival) April 4 – Children's Day (Taiwan, Republic of China) April 4 – Qingming Festival (Commemorating ancestors in Taiwan, Republic of China) April 6 – International Asexuality Day (LGBTQ+) April 6 – Rama Navami (Hindu spring festival that celebrates the birthday of Shree Rama) April 7 – World Health Day (Global)

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	 Emotional Overeating Awareness Month Genocide and Human Rights Awareness Month International Black Women's History Month Limb Loss Awareness Month (U.S.) National African American Women's Fitness Month National Child Abuse Prevention Month National Donate Life Month (U.S.) National Minority Health Month National Occupational Therapy Month National Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month National Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month National Volunteer Month Paralyzed Veterans Across America Month (U.S.) Tartan (Scottish- American) Heritage Month Testicular Cancer Awareness Month 	 April 8 – National Equal Pay Day April 10 – National Youth HIV and AIDS Awareness Day (U.S.) April 11 – Parkinson's Disease International Awareness Day (Global) April 11 – Day of Silence (LGBTQ+) April 13 – Palm Sunday (Christian) April 12-20 – Passover (Jewish) April 18 – Memorial of Jesus Christ's Death/ Good Friday (Christian) April 20 – Easter (Christian) April 22 – International Earth Day April 23 – Administrative Professionals Day April 23 – Administrative Professionals Day April 24 – Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day April 26 – Gathering of Nations (Native American) April 26 – National Lesbian Visibility Day April 26 – Notional Lesbian Visibility Day April 27 – World Healing Day April 30 – Children's Day (Celebration of children in Mexico)

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	Women's Empowering Month	
May	 Asian/Pacific Islander American Heritage Month Better Speech and Hearing Month (U.S.) Haitian Heritage Month Indian Heritage Month Jewish-American Heritage Month Mental Health Month (U.S.) Mobility Awareness Month (U.S.) National Nurses Month Older Americans Month (U.S.) South Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month 	 May 1 – National Day of Prayer (U.S.) May 5 – Cinco de Mayo (Mexican American) May 5 – Children's Day (Korean) May 6 – World Asthma Day (Global) May 6-10 – California's American Indian & Indigenous Film Festival (CAIIFF) May 8 – World Red Cross & Red Crescent Day (Global) May 8 – National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day (U.S.) May 11 – Mother's Day (U.S.) May 12 – Buddha Day (Buddhist) May 15 – Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD, 3rd Thursday of May) May 15 - Mental Health Action Day May 16 – National LGBTQ+ Elders Day May 17 – International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (LGBTQ+) May 21 – World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development (Global) May 22 – Harvey Milk Day (LGBTQ+) May 23-24 – Declaration of the Báb (Baha'i festival to celebrate the Báb's announcement in 1844) May 29 – Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i) May 30 – Memorial Day (U.S.) (2025) May 31 – Dragon Boat Festival (Taiwan, Republic of China)

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June	 Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month (Global) Black Music Month Elder Abuse Awareness Month Immigrant Heritage Month Men's Health Awareness Month National Caribbean American Heritage Month Pride Month (LGBTQ+) Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month Adopt a cat from a shelter awareness month 	 June 1 – National Cancer Survivors Day (first Sunday in June) June 1-3 -Shavuot (Jewish Holiday) (2025) June 2 – American Indian Citizenship Day (U.S.) June 5 – HIV Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day June 6-7 – Eid Al-Adha (Celebrating the Feast of Sacrifice in Muslim) June 8 – Race Unity Day June 8 – National Children's Day (U.S.) June 12 – Loving Day (Interracial relationship and families) June 12 – Remembrance Day of Pulse Nightclub Shooting (LGBTQ+) June 13 – International Albinism Awareness Day (United Nations) June 15 – National Elder Abuse Awareness Day June 19 – Juneteenth (African American) June 20 – World Refugee Day June 21 – Litha Summer Solstice (Pagan) June 22-June 28 – Helen Keller Deaf Blind Awareness Week (U.S) June 27 – The Birthday of Andrew Foster, known as the father of Deaf Education in Africa (June 27, 1925) June 27 – National Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Day (U.S.) June 28 – Pride Day (it might vary by city and country, LGBTQ+) June 28 – Tirgan Festival (A mid-summer Iranian festival)

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July	 Disability Pride Month (N.Y., U.S.) French American Heritage Month Muslim American Heritage Month (LA County) National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month Social Wellness Month Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) Mental Health Month 	 July 4 – Independence Day (U.S.) July 5-6 – Ashura (Islamic Holiday that occurs on the tenth day of Muharram) July 7 – World Forgiveness Day July 18 – International Nelson Mandela Day (United Nations) July 24 – International Self-Care Day July 24 – National Seasonal Affective Disorder Day (U.S.) July 26 – National Disability Independence Day/ Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Anniversary (U.S.) July 27– The Korean War Remembrance Day (Korean) July 27th – National Black Women's Equal Pay Day (U.S.) August 3 – International Day of Friendship
August	 Don't be a Bully Month (U.S.) National Black Gay Men's Wellness Month National Civility Month National Wellness Month 	 August 6 – National Salvadoran Day August 9 – International Day of the World's Indigenous People (United Nations) August 9 – Raksha Bandhan (Hindu Holiday) August 12 – International Youth Day (United Nations) August 15 – National Liberation Day (Korea) August 16 – Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu) August 17 – Marcus Garvey Day (Jamaican African) August 19 – World Humanitarian Day August 21 – National Senior Citizens Day (U.S.)

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		 August 23 – International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition August 26 – National Women's Equality Day (U.S.) August 26 - 27 – Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu festival celebrating Lord Ganesh) August 28 – 60th Anniversary March on Washington (MLK - I Have A Dream Speech) August 28 or 29 – National Faith HIV/AIDS Awareness Day August 30 – National Grief Awareness Day August 31 – International Overdose Awareness Day
September	 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month (U.S.) Deaf Awareness Month Healthy Aging Month Healthy Aging Month Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month National Guide Dog Month (U.S.) National Preparedness Month National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month National Recovery Month National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month (U.S.) 	 September 1– Labor Day (U.S.) September 4 – The Lanterman Act Commemoration September 4-5 – Eid Milad ul-Nabi (Muslim holiday celebrating the birthday of the Islamic prophet Muhammad) September 6 – Hungry Ghost Festival (Chinese Holiday) September 7- 13 – National Suicide Prevention Week September 10 – World Suicide Prevention Day September 11 – Patriot Day (U.S.) September 11 – Ethiopian New Year (Ethiopian) September 15 – International Day of Democracy (United Nations) September 16 – Mexican Independence Day September 18 – International Equal Pay Day

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	 Malnutrition Awareness Month Pain Awareness Month (U.S.) World Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month (Global) 	 September 18 – National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day (U.S.) September 20-26 – International Week of the Deaf (Global) September 21 – International Day of Peace (United Nations) September 21 – World Alzheimer's Awareness Day (Global) September 22-24 – Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) September 23 – Bisexual Visibility Day September 23 – International Day of Sign Language (Global) September 26 – National Native American Day (the fourth Friday of September) September 26 – European Day of Languages September 27 – National Gay Men's HIV-AIDS Awareness Day September 28 – World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) October 1-2 – Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement)
October	 ADHD Awareness Month (U.S.) Bullying Prevention Month Depression Education and Awareness Month (U.S.) Domestic Violence Awareness Month 	 October 1 – International Day of Older Persons (United Nations) October 2 – International Day of Non-violence October 2 – Mehregan Festival (Persian) October 5 – American Veterans Disabled for Life Awareness Day (U.S.) October 5-11 – National Mental Illness Awareness Week October 6– Chuseok (Korean Thanksgiving)

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	 Down Syndrome Awareness Month (U.S.) Family History Month Filipino-American History Month German-American Heritage Month Global Diversity Awareness Month Islamic History Month Italian-American Heritage Month Learning Disability Awareness Month (U.S.) People with Specific Learning Disabilities LGBTQ History Month National Disability Employment Awareness Month (U.S.) National Work and Family Month Polish-American Heritage Month Selective Mutism Awareness Month (U.S.) 	 October 6 – Mid-Autumn Festival (Taiwan, Republic of China) October 6 -13 – Sukkot (Jewish Festival for the Fall Harvest) October 8 – National Day of Bullying Prevention (U.S.) October 9 – National Depression Screening Day October 9 – Hangul Day (Celebration of Korean Alphabet, Hangul) October 9 – World Blind Day/ World Sight Day (Global) October 10 – National Day (Taiwan, Republic of China) October 11 – National Day (Taiwan, Republic of China) October 13 – Canadian Thanksgiving (2nd Monday of October) October 13 – National Indigenous Peoples Day 2nd Monday of October, U.S.) October 15 – Blind Americans Equality Day (U.S.) October 15 – International Pronouns Day October 15 – International Pronouns Day October 19 – Spirit Day (LGBTQ+) and antibulying) October 20 - 26 – Ace Week (formerly Asexual Awareness Week, LGBTQ+) October 22 – Birth of the Bab (Baha'i Holiday) October 26 – Intersex Awareness Day (LGBTQ+)

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November	 Alzheimer's Awareness Month 	 October 29 – Cyrus the Great Day (Iranian) October 29 – World Stroke Awareness Day October 31 – Halloween November 1 – All Saints' Day (Christian) November 1-2 – Day of the Dead (Mexican)
	 Awareness Month (U.S.) National Family Caregivers Month National Native American Heritage Month Transgender Awareness Month 	 November 1-2 - Day of the Dead (Mexican) November 5 - International Stress Awareness Day November 11 - Veterans Day (U.S.) November 15 - Roc Your Mocs Day (Native American & Indigenous Peoples) November 15 - White House Tribal Nations Summit (Al/AN) November 16 - Dutch American Heritage Day (U.S.) November 16 - International Day for Tolerance (United Nations) November 19 - International Men's Day November 20 - Transgender Day of Remembrance November 25 - International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (United Nations) November 27 - Thanksgiving Day (U.S.) November 28 - Native American Heritage Day November 29 - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) November 29 - Sand Creek Massacre Commemoration (Al/AN)
December	HIV/AIDS Awareness Month	December 1 – World AIDS Day

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	 National Giving Month National Impaired Driving Prevention Month Universal Human Rights Month 	 December 3 – International Day of Persons with Disabilities (United Nations)
		 December 3 – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Reauthorization
		 December 5 – International Volunteer Day
		 December 10 – International Human Rights Day (United Nations)
		December 14- 22 – Hanukkah (Jewish)
		 December 16-24 – Las Posadas (Various Latin American countries)
		• December 21 – Yule Winter Solstice (Pagan)
		 December 21 – National Homeless Persons' Remembrance Day
		December 25 – Christmas (Christian)
		 December 26 – Dakota 38 (AI/AN- Honor the lives of the Dakota people who were executed on December 26, 1862)
		 December 26-January 1 – Kwanzaa (Celebration of African American heritage and culture)
		December 31 – New Year's Eve

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Feedback from LACDMH Cultural Competency Committee and Underserved Cultural Communities Subcommittees