

# January 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3
				<b>New Year's Day Emancipation Proclamation</b>		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Louis Braille's Birthday 🎂 Feast of the Epiphany</b>			<b>Orthodox Christmas Day</b>			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		<b>Orthodox New Year</b>	<b>Makar Sankranti</b>	<b>Lailat al Miraj</b>		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<b>Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> (CCV Centers open/FH)					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		<b>International Day of Commemoration</b>				

Notes

# February 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			International Day of Women and Girls in Science			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Nirvana Day	President's Day (CCV Centers Open)	Lunar New Year Ramadan Begins	Ash Wednesday		World Day of Social Justice	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

## Notes

**Black History Month:** February was chosen to celebrate African American History because it holds the birthdays of two men who helped eliminate slavery, Frederick Douglass, and President Abraham Lincoln.

**Ramadan (February 17 to March 19):** the start of Islam's sacred month. During this time, Muslims abstain from eating and drinking from dawn until dusk.



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# March 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Holi			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
International Women's Day						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Mardi Gras St. Patrick's Day		Ramadan Ends Eid al-Fitr		International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
		Transgender Day of Visibility				

Notes

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

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April 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	4
			Passover Begins at Sundown	World Autism Awareness Day		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter		World Health Day		Passover Ends		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Orthodox Easter	Yom HaShoah	Vaisakhi				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			Earth Day 🌍			
26	27	28	29	30		

Notes

Deaf History Month: Founding of Gallaudet University & American School of the Deaf

Arab American Heritage Month: to recognize the culture, achievements, and contributions of Arab Americans.



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May 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
					Vesak (Buddha Day)	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Cinco de Mayo				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mother's Day					Malcolm X's Birthday 🎂	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia				Shavuot Begins at Sundown		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Buddha Day 🎂 Shavuot Ends The Hajj Begins	Memorial Day (CCV Centers Closed/Holiday)	Eid al-Adha Begins	Eid al-Adha Ends		The Hajj Ends	
31						

Notes

**Mental Health Awareness Month** – raises awareness for those living with mental and behavioral issues and support families/communities who are impacted by mental illness.

**Jewish American Heritage Month** – honors American Jews and their contributions to the US throughout history

**Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month** - commemorates people with Asian and Pacific Island ancestry and their contribution to the United States.



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June 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
					Loving Day	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib Al-Hijri			Juneteenth	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Father's Day						
28	29	30				

Notes

**LGBTQIA+ Pride Month:** Pride Month recognizes LGBTQIA+ people and the effect they've had on the world. June was selected to commemorate the Stonewall Riots, a series of gay liberation protests in 1969.

**Caribbean American Heritage Month:** This month recognizes those of Caribbean descent and the impact their accomplishments have had throughout American history.



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July 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	4
						<b>Independence Day</b> (CCV Centers are Closed 7/3)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
						<b>Nelson Mandela International Day</b>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
					<b>Pioneer Day</b>	
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Notes

**Disability Pride Month:** a celebration to commemorate the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act into law on July 26, 1990. The month brings people and communities together to demonstrate resilience and acceptance.



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# August 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>International Day of Friendship</b>						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>International Day of the World's Indigenous People</b>			<b>International Youth Day</b>			<b>Feast of the Assumption</b>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		<b>Mawlid al-Nabi</b>	<b>Women's Equality Day</b>			
30	31					

Notes





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## September 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
					Janmashtami	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Labor Day (CCV Centers Closed/H)	International Literacy Day			Rosh Hashanah begins	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Ganesh Chaturthi Rosh Hashanah Ends						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Yom Kippur			Autumnal Equinox		Sukkot Begins at Sundown	
27	28	29	30			

### Notes

**National Recovery Month:** This awareness month seeks to educate Americans on treatment and health services for individuals with substance use disorder.

**National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15):** This month honors Hispanic and Latino Americans for their contributions to U.S. culture.



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# October 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3
					<b>Sukkot Ends</b>	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
						<b>World Mental Health Day</b>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>National Coming Out Day</b>	<b>Indigenous People's Day</b> (CCV Centers Open/FH)			<b>Spirit Day</b>		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
						<b>Halloween</b>

Notes

**Global Diversity Awareness Month:** An awareness with the goal of promoting respect toward various cultures.

**National Disability Employment Awareness Month:** This awareness month aims to advocate for individuals with disabilities and their inclusion in the workforce.

**Breast Cancer Awareness Month:** Breast cancer is a leading cause of death in women; this month seeks to boost awareness of the disease.



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## November 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
All Saints Day/ Dia de Los Muertos						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Diwali Begins			Veteran's Day			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	International Day for Tolerance				Transgender Day of Remembrance	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Guru Nanak Jayanti		Thanksgiving (CCV Centers Closed)	(CCV Centers Closed)	
29	30					

### Notes

**Native American Heritage Month:** This month celebrates indigenous peoples and their culture, traditions, and customs past and present in the United States.

**November:** A month-long fundraiser that seeks to raise awareness for men's issues like suicide as well as prostate and testicular cancer.



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## December 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
		World AIDS Day		International Day of Persons with Disabilities	Hanukkah Begins	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				International Human Rights Day		Hanukkah Ends
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			Las Posadas Begins			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Winter Solstice or Yule			Las Posadas Ends	Christmas Day (CCV Centers Closed)	Kwanzaa Begins
27	28	29	30	31		
				New Year's Eve		

### Notes

**Hanukkah (December 4 - 12):** An 8-day Jewish holiday marking the liberation of Jews from rule by their Greek - Syrian oppressors in the Maccabean Revolt and the restoration of their religious freedom.

**Las Posadas (December 16 – 24):** A religious festival commemorating Mary and Joseph's efforts to find an inn and the events associated with the birth of Jesus. Primarily celebrated in Latin American countries, Mexico, and parts of the U.S.

**Kwanzaa (December 26 – January 1):** A seven-day African American and Pan-African celebration emphasizing communal values and heritage, encouraging conversations about the diaspora and its cultural contributions.

# An Incomplete Inclusive Calendar of Dates with Historical, Interfaith, or Cultural Significance 2026

## January

January 1 – New Year’s Day and Emancipation Proclamation: President Lincoln declared all individuals held in slavery free on this day in 1863. (CCV Centers are closed)

January 4 – Louis Braille’s birthday: he was a French educator who created a reading and writing system known as “braille” for the visually impaired.

January 4 – Feast of the Epiphany: this Christian feast day celebrates the star leading the three wise men to baby Jesus closing the Christmas season.

January 7 – Orthodox Christmas Day: A special day when many Eastern Orthodox Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

January 13 – Orthodox New Year: Also known as the Julian New Year, it’s a time for Eastern Orthodox communities to celebrate the start of their new year.

January 14 – Makar Sankranti: Hindu festival dedicated to the god of the sun, Surya.

January 15 – Lailat al Miraj: This Muslim holy day celebrates Muhammad’s pilgrimage from Mecca to Jerusalem. When Muhammad arrived, he ascended into Heaven.

January 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day: celebrates one of the best-known civil rights activists, MLK Jr. (CCV Centers Open. Floating holiday.)

January 27 – International Day of Commemoration in Memory of Victims of the Holocaust: a United Nations holiday that remembers the approximately 6 million Jews murdered during World War II.

## February

Black History Month: February was chosen to celebrate African American History because it holds the birthdays of two men who helped eliminate slavery: Frederick Douglass and President Abraham Lincoln.

February 11 - International Day of Women and Girls in Science: A day to recognize and celebrate the critical role women and girls play in science and technology, aiming for greater equity in these fields.

February 15 – Nirvana Day: an annual festival that remembers the death of the Buddha after reaching nirvana; also called Parinirvana.

February 17 – Lunar New Year: This festival marks the start of the new year in the lunar calendar used in East Asia, Southeast Asia and elsewhere.

February 18 – Ash Wednesday: a day of prayer and fasting that begins the Christian season of Lent.

February 17 to March 19 – Ramadan: the start of Islam’s sacred month — during this time Muslims abstain from eating and drinking from dawn until dusk.

February 20 - World Day of Social Justice: A day to focus on fairness and equality, advocating for social justice issues like poverty, unemployment, and human rights.

## **March**

Women’s History Month: honors the role of women in American history.

March 4 – Holi: A Hindu festival of colors celebrating the arrival of spring and the triumph of good over evil, marked by joyful gatherings and color-throwing.

March 8 – International Women’s Day: A Day highlighting the political, social, cultural, and economic achievements of women.

March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day: feast day of a Catholic saint who inspires cultural and religious celebrations around the world.

March 17 - Mardi Gras: A lively festival known for parades and costumes, traditionally celebrated before the Christian season of Lent begins.

March 19 – Eid al-Fitr: Muslims celebrate the end of Ramadan (month long fasting) with a feast beginning at sundown of the first day and ending at sundown on the second day.

March 21 – International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination: A day focused on combating racial discrimination and promoting unity and equal opportunity for all.

March 31 - Transgender Day of Visibility: A day to honor the transgender and non-binary communities, celebrating their resilience while also raising awareness about the discrimination they still face.

## **April**

April 1 – Passover: A Jewish holiday commemorating the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery, marked by special meals and rituals.

April 2 – World Autism Awareness Day: raises awareness for those with autism that seek to improve their lives and the acceptance of them in society.

April 5 – Easter: A significant Christian holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, often marked by gatherings, feasts, and traditions like egg hunts, recognized widely across Western cultures.

April 7 - World Health Day: A day to focus on global health issues, advocating for equal access to healthcare services for everyone, everywhere.

April 12 – Orthodox Easter (Pascha). It is a joyous celebration to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

April 13 – Yom HaShoah: Holocaust Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

April 14 - Vaisakhi: An important festival in the Sikh and Hindu calendars, celebrating the start of the harvest season and the Sikh New Year.

April 22 – Earth Day: holiday that applauds the planet we live on and all it does for us; Earth Day is observed by more than 192 nations.

## **May**

Mental Health Awareness Month: raises awareness for those living with mental and behavioral issues. This month also seeks to support families or communities who are impacted by mental illness.

Jewish American Heritage Month: honors American Jews and their contributions to the United States throughout history.

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month: commemorates people with Asian and Pacific Island ancestry and their contribution to the United States.

May 1 - Vesak (Buddha Day): A significant day for Buddhists, commemorating the birth, enlightenment, and death of Buddha, usually marked by prayer and meditation.

May 5 – Cinco de Mayo: Mexican-American holiday that celebrates Mexico's defeat of the French Army.

May 15 – Malcolm X's Birthday: well-known Muslim minister and civil rights activist, who was assassinated in 1965.

May 17 – International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia: this day seeks to raise awareness for the rights of LGBTQ+ individuals world-wide.

May 21 - 24 – Shavuot: This holiday celebrates the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai and a grain harvest.

May 24 – Buddha's Birthday: A celebration of the Buddha's birthday, and for some Buddhists, a day that also marks his enlightenment.

May 24 -29 – The Hajj: This day begins the annual pilgrimage to Mecca that all Muslims must take once in their lives.

May 25 - Memorial Day: A Day commemorating the U.S. military personnel who fought and died in service to our country. (CCV Centers are closed)

May 26 - 27 - Eid al-Adha: One of the holiest days in Islam, Eid al-Adha commemorates Ibrahim's (Abraham's) willingness to sacrifice his son for God, marked by prayers, charity, and community gatherings.

## **June**

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Caribbean American Heritage Month: This month recognizes those of Caribbean descent and the impact their accomplishments have had throughout American history.

June 12 – Loving Day: This day is the anniversary of the court decision that first legalized interracial marriage.

June 16 – Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib: A Day observed by Sikhs to celebrate the first martyr in their faith.

June 16 – Al-Hijri: this day marks the start of the Muslim New Year.

June 19 – Juneteenth: This day commemorates the effective end of slavery in the United States, when enslaved Black Americans in Galveston, TX learned of the Emancipation Proclamation (over two years after it was originally issued).

## **July**

July 4 – Independence Day: Marking the establishment of the United States and the American colonies' Declaration of Independence from Great Britain. (CCV Centers are closed on July 3rd.)

July 18 - Nelson Mandela International Day: A global observance to honor Mandela's legacy, encouraging individual and collective actions to fight injustice and promote social equality.

July 24 – Pioneer Day: This Utah state holiday marks the arrival of LDS church founder Brigham Young to the Salt Lake area.

## **August**

August 2 - International Day of Friendship: A United Nations-recognized day that celebrates friendships across borders and cultures, fostering global unity and understanding.

August 9 - International Day of the World's Indigenous People: This day was created by the UN to celebrate the culture of indigenous people on a global scale.

August 12 - International Youth Day: A day to spotlight the energy, initiatives, and aspirations of young people worldwide while discussing the unique challenges they face in different cultural contexts.

August 15 - Feast of the Assumption: This Roman Catholic feast day marks the entry of the mother Mary into Heaven (body and soul).

August 25 – Mawlid al-Nabi: an Islamic observance celebrating the birth of the Prophet Muhammad, marked by prayers, feasts, processions, and reflections on his life, teachings, and virtues

August 26 - Women's Equality Day: Commemorating the adoption of the 19th Amendment in the U.S., granting women the right to vote, and sparking conversations on the ongoing fight for gender equality globally.

## **September**

September 15 to October 15 – National Hispanic Heritage Month: This month honors Hispanic and Latino Americans for their contributions to U.S. culture.

National Recovery Month: This awareness month seeks to educate Americans on treatment and health services for individuals with substance use disorder.

September 4 – Janmashtami/Lord Krishna's Birthday: This day is the birthday of one of the most popular deities in the Hindu faith. Lord Krishna is also known as Janmashtami, and his birthday is celebrated with a festival.

September 7 – Labor Day: A Day to recognize the labor movement and honor the work and contributions of laborers in the United States. (CCV Centers are closed.)



September 8 - International Literacy Day: A day highlighting the importance of literacy as a human right while acknowledging the varied literacy challenges across different cultures and communities.

September 13 - Ganesh Chaturthi: This Hindu festival celebrates Lord Ganesha's birth.

September 11 - 13 – Rosh Hashanah: The Jewish New Year, a day to reflect and renew, providing a space to discuss Jewish traditions and their contributions to global culture.

September 20 – Yom Kippur: This is the holiest day of the year in the Jewish faith. The central themes of Yom Kippur are atonement and repentance.

September 23 – Autumnal Equinox: This date marks a variety of religious observances across the globe.

September 25 – October 2 – Sukkot: A Torah-commanded holiday celebrated for seven days which commemorates the 40 years that Jews spent in the desert after escaping slavery in Egypt.

## **October**

Global Diversity Awareness Month: An awareness month with the goal of promoting respect toward various cultures.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month: This awareness month aims to advocate for individuals with disabilities and their inclusion in the workforce.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Breast cancer is a leading cause of death in women; this month seeks to boost awareness of the disease.

October 10 – World Mental Health Day: a day that advocates for mental health awareness and education; on this day, you can support the efforts by reflecting on your own biases regarding mental health and advocating against social stigma related to it.

October 12 – Indigenous People's Day: This day honors the indigenous people of North America. (CCV Centers Open. Floating holiday.)

October 15 – Spirit Day: The third Thursday in October is designated to show support for LGBTQIA+ youth and their families. People participate by wearing purple and speaking out against bullying and bias.

## **November**

Native American Heritage Month: This month celebrates indigenous peoples and their culture, traditions, and customs past and present in the United States.

Movember: A month-long fundraiser that seeks to raise awareness for men's issues like suicide as well as prostate and testicular cancer.

November 1 – All Saints' Day, All Souls Day, Día de Los Muertos: This day is dedicated to all those who have passed away in the Christian faith as well as the Mexican and Aztec communities.

November 8 -12 – Diwali: A 5-day festival of lights celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains. It celebrates the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and good over evil.

November 11 – Veteran's Day: Observed annually to honor military veterans of the United States Armed Forces. (CCV Centers Open. Floating holiday.)

November 16 – International Day for Tolerance: The UN holiday was founded to encourage respect among various people regardless of culture, language, religion, or ethnicity.

November 20 – Transgender Day of Remembrance: This day is held as a remembrance for all those murdered because of transphobia.

November 24 – Guru Nanak Jayanti marks the birth of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the first of the ten Sikh Gurus, founder of Sikhism, and proponent of equality and compassion.

November 26 – Thanksgiving: a national holiday with historical roots in religious and cultural traditions that include blessings and giving thanks. (CCV Centers are closed Nov. 26-27)

## **December**

December 1 – World AIDS Day: This day highlights the importance of HIV/AIDS awareness and raises money for its cure.

December 3 – International Day of Persons with Disabilities: This United Nations holiday raises awareness for the rights of individuals with disabilities, sparking dialogue about accessibility and inclusion in diverse cultural contexts.

December 4 to 12 – Hanukkah: An 8-day Jewish holiday marking the liberation of Jews from rule by their Greek - Syrian oppressors in the Maccabean Revolt and the restoration of their religious freedom.

December 10 – International Human Rights Day: A holiday adopted by the UN in 1948 following the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

December 16 - 24 – Las Posadas: A religious festival commemorating Mary and Joseph's efforts to find an inn and the events associated with the birth of Jesus. Primarily celebrated in Latin American countries, Mexico, and parts of the U.S.

December 21 – Winter Solstice/Yule: A festival celebrated by Pagan and Wiccan faiths.

December 25 – Christmas: A Christian holiday marking the birth of their lord and savior, Jesus Christ. Over time, this day has become of cultural importance in the United States for non-religious reasons. (CCV Centers are closed)

December 26 – January 1– Kwanzaa: A seven-day African American and Pan-African celebration emphasizing communal values and heritage, encouraging conversations about the diaspora and its cultural contributions.

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