

2025 Calendar for Diversity & Heritage Recognitions					
Month	Recognition	Date	History/Learning	Take Action	Description
<b>1st Quarter</b>					
February	Black History Month	Month-long	<a href="https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month">https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month</a>	<a href="https://centerracialjustice.org/resources/black-history-month-resource-guide-for-educators-and-families/">https://centerracialjustice.org/resources/black-history-month-resource-guide-for-educators-and-families/</a>	A month to celebrate and honor the culture, history and contributions of Black Americans in America.
March	Ramadan	February 28-March 29	<a href="https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/ramadan">https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/ramadan</a>		Ramadan is a holy month of fasting, introspection and prayer for Muslims, the followers of Islam. It is celebrated as the month during which Muhammad received the initial revelations of the Quran, the holy book for Muslims. Fasting is one of the five fundamental principles of Islam. Each day during Ramadan, Muslims do not eat or drink from dawn to sunset. They are also supposed to avoid impure thoughts and bad behavior.
March	National Women's History Month	Month-long	<a href="https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/womens-history-month">https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/womens-history-month</a>	<a href="https://www.ted.com/talks/michelle_mertens_the_historic_women_s_suffrage_march_on_washington">https://www.ted.com/talks/michelle_mertens_the_historic_women_s_suffrage_march_on_washington</a>	A celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society. The National Women's History Alliance designates a yearly theme for Women's History Month. The 2025 theme is "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations."
<b>2nd Quarter</b>					
April	Eid al-Fitr	March 29-30	<a href="https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/eid-al-fitr">https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/eid-al-fitr</a>		The religious festival Eid al-Fitr, or the "Festival of Breaking the Fast," is one of two major holidays celebrated by Muslims. Commemorates the end of the fasting month of Ramadan.
May	Asian Pacific American Heritage Month	Month-long	<a href="https://apasf.org/about/#what">https://apasf.org/about/#what</a>	<a href="https://teambuilding.com/blog/asian-heritage-month-ideas">https://teambuilding.com/blog/asian-heritage-month-ideas</a>	Honors Asian culture and the achievements of the Asian community within the United States and across the world.
May	Mental Health Awareness Month	Month-long	<a href="https://www.mhanational.org/our-history">https://www.mhanational.org/our-history</a>	<a href="https://www.mhanational.org/mental-health-month">https://www.mhanational.org/mental-health-month</a>	Mental Health Month was established in 1949 to increase awareness of the importance of mental health and wellness in Americans' lives, and to celebrate recovery from mental illness. Mental health is essential for a person's overall health.
June	Pride Month	Month-long	<a href="https://www.britannica.com/topic/Gay-Pride">https://www.britannica.com/topic/Gay-Pride</a>	<a href="https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5f5c5fe5f1fce135eb3ca5b9/t/60bf7bc4b96a021c6b64ed01/1623161796957/5-THINGS-LGBTQ.pdf">https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5f5c5fe5f1fce135eb3ca5b9/t/60bf7bc4b96a021c6b64ed01/1623161796957/5-THINGS-LGBTQ.pdf</a>	Pride Month commemorates the ongoing pursuit of equal justice for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community and celebrates the accomplishments of LGBTQ individuals.
June	Juneteenth	June 19	<a href="https://www.history.com/news/what-is-juneteenth">https://www.history.com/news/what-is-juneteenth</a>	<a href="https://www.juneteenth.com/">https://www.juneteenth.com/</a>	Juneteenth commemorates the effective end of slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday. Seen as the Black "Independence Day".

3rd Quarter					
Sept - October	Hispanic Heritage Month	Sept 15 - Oct 15	<a href="https://www.history.com/topics/hispanic-history/hispanic-heritage-month">https://www.history.com/topics/hispanic-history/hispanic-heritage-month</a>	<a href="https://teambuilding.com/blog/hispanic-heritage-month">https://teambuilding.com/blog/hispanic-heritage-month</a>	An annual celebration of the history and culture of the U.S. Latinx and Hispanic communities. commemorates how those communities have influenced and contributed to Americansociety at large.
4th Quarter					
October	National Disability Employment Awareness Month	Month-long	<a href="https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam">https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam</a>	<a href="https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam/year-round">https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam/year-round</a>	Pays tribute to the accomplishments of the men and women with disabilities whose work helps keep the nation's economy strong and by reaffirming their commitment to ensure equal opportunity for all
October	Global Diversity Awareness Month	Month-long	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/global-diversity-awareness-month/">https://nationaltoday.com/global-diversity-awareness-month/</a>	<a href="https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda-ngozi-adichie-the-danger-of-a-single-story?language=en">https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda-ngozi-adichie-the-danger-of-a-single-story?language=en</a>	Pays tribute to 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 only strengthens our understanding and appreciation of the world. Diversity Awareness Month is all about opening dialogues that foster an appreciation of the differences that separate us as well as the similarities.
October	Diwali	October 20	<a href="https://www.learnreligions.com/diwali-festival-of-lights-1770151">https://www.learnreligions.com/diwali-festival-of-lights-1770151</a>		The biggest and the brightest of all Hindu festivals. It is the festival of lights. Linked to multiples stories, most celebrate the triumph of good over evil.
November	National American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage	Month-long	<a href="https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/">https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/</a>	<a href="https://artsandculture.google.com/story/GAUhe-CUIT6IPQ">https://artsandculture.google.com/story/GAUhe-CUIT6IPQ</a>	This month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people.
December	Hanukkah	Dec14-22	<a href="https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/hanukkah#%3A~%3Atext%3DThe%20eight%20day%20Jewish%20celebration%20Coppers%20in%20the%20Maccabean%20">https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/hanukkah#%3A~%3Atext%3DThe%20eight%20day%20Jewish%20celebration%20Coppers%20in%20the%20Maccabean%20</a>	<a href="https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/hanukkah-at-home/">https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/hanukkah-at-home/</a>	An eight-day Jewish celebration that commemorates the rededication during the second century B.C. of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, where Jews rose up against their Greek- Syrian oppressors in the Maccabean Revolt
December	Christmas	December 25	<a href="https://www.history.com/topics/christmas/history-of-christmas">https://www.history.com/topics/christmas/history-of-christmas</a>		Christians, followers of Jesus Christ, celebrate his birth on December 25. Christians believe the conception and birth of Jesus is how the Son of God became a human.
December	Kwanza	Dec 26-Jan 1	<a href="https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/kwanzaa-history">https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/kwanzaa-history</a>	<a href="https://thegrio.com/2024/12/26/a-beginners-guide-to-kwanzaa/">https://thegrio.com/2024/12/26/a-beginners-guide-to-kwanzaa/</a>	Kwanzaa is an annual seven-day African-American and pan- African holiday celebration that takes place from December 26 to January 1. For seven days, a principle (Nguzo Saba) is reflected upon such as unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. The final day climaxes with gift-giving and a feast called Karamu Ya Imani. The festival is a nonreligious holiday inspired by West African harvest celebrations. The word Kwanzaa means "first fruits."