

PROGRESSIVE CALENDAR

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January

January:

- Poverty Awareness Month
- Martin Luther King Day (3rd Monday in January)
- Golden Globes

January 1:

- New Years Day
- 1994: NAFTA entered into force
- 2009: Oscar Grant murdered
- 1863 The Emancipation Proclamation took effect

January 5:

- 1931: The Lemon Grove Incident
- 1980: Rapper's Delight by the Sugarhill Gang becomes first hip hop single ever to reach the Billboard Top 40

January 5:

- Jan 5 - 11: Catholic Church's National Migration Week

January 6:

- 2021: Insurrection on the capital

January 7:

- 1891: Zora Neale Hurston's birthday
- 2026: Renee Good murdered by ICE in Minneapolis, Minnesota

January 8:

- 1811: German Coast Uprising begins: Louisiana's revolt of enslaved people
- 1964: President Lyndon Johnson announces "The War on Poverty" in State of the Union
- 2011: Gabby Giffords shot in Tucson shooting

January 10:

- 1957: Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) *founded*

January 11:

- Human Trafficking Awareness Day
- 1912: The new Bread and Roses Strike Started

January 13:

- 1874: The NYC Tompkins Square Riot

January 15:

- 1929: MLK's birthday
- Last day of open enrollment through the Affordable Care Act

January 16:

- Prohibition was legalized (18th Amendment)

January 17:

- 1893: Queen Lili`uokalani of Hawaii is overthrown
- 1942: Muhammed Ali's birthday

January 19:

- MLK Day (2026)

January 20:

- Inauguration Day (2024)

January 21:

- 2020: [National Day of Racial Healing](#)
- 2010: Citizens United vs. FEC
- 2017: Women's March

January 22:

- 1973: Roe v. Wade

January 23:

- 1939: Birthday of Edward Verne Roberts, pioneering advocate for people with disabilities

January 24:

- 1874: Arturo Alfonso Schomburg Born
- Tu B'Shvat (2024 - Year of the Trees, Jewish environmental Seder, minor holiday)
- 2026: Alex Pretti murdered by ICE in Minneapolis, Minnesota
 - Pam Bondi orders Minnesota to turn over election information for ICE to leave

January 25:

- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Awareness Day
- 1972: Shirley Chisholm Began Historic Campaign for President

January 26:

- 1944: Angela Davis Birthday

January 27:

- Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 2017 Trump signs first Muslim ban ([Executive Order 13769](#))
- Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz
- 2019: Virginia becomes 38th State to Ratify the Equal Rights Amendment

January 28:

- 1918: Porvenir Massacre

January 29:

- 2009: Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act signed into law

January 30:

- Fred Korematsu Day (Japanese civil rights activist from WW2)

January/February

January/February: Tu B'Shvat (Year of the Trees, Jewish environmental Seder, minor holiday)

January/February: Lunar New Year (Feb 17, 2026)

February

February: Black History Month

February: Super Bowl (usually first Sunday in February)

February: Presidents Day (3rd Monday in February)

February 1:

- #WorldHijabDay

February 2:

- Groundhog Day

February 4:

- Transit Equity Day
- World Cancer Day

February 5

- 1993: FMLA (Family and Medical Leave Act) signed into law
- Trayvon Martin's Birthday

February 7:

- National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- 2013: Mississippi officially certified the 13th Amendment

February 8:

- Super Bowl (Feb 8, 2026)

February 12:

- Lincoln's Birthday
- Union Day
- National Freedom to Marry Day
- Darwin Day

February 13:

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February 14:

- Parkland Shooting Anniversary (2018)
- Valentines Day
- National Donor Day

February 15:

- Susan B Anthony Day

February 17:

- Lunar New Year (Feb 17, 2026; Feb 6, 2027)
- Mardi Gras (Feb 17, 2026)

February 18:

- Ramadan (Feb 18 - March 20, 2026)
- Ash Wednesday (Feb 18, 2026)
- National caregiver's day

February 19:

- 1942: FDR signed EO 9066 which forced more than 100,000 Japanese Americans into incarceration camps.

February 20:

- World day of social justice
- National love your pet day

February 21:

- Daisy Gatson Bates Day
- President's Day

February 22:

- 2018: West Virginia teachers strike begins

February 25:

- National Reparations Awareness Day

February 26:

- 2012: Trayvon Martin murdered

February 27:

- World NGO day
- 2024: 18th anniversary of the African Burial Ground National Monument in NY

February 28

- 1861: Colorado officially recognized as a U.S. territory, lands originally home to at least six Native American tribes

February 29:

- 1692: Salem witch trials began

February/March

February/March: Mardi Gras, day before Ash Wednesday

February/March: Ash Wednesday, 6 weeks before Easter (falls between Feb 4th & March 10)

February/March: Oscars (usually held in late February/early March)

February/March: Purim (Jewish holiday, families celebrate one night with costumes for kids)

March

March: Women's History Month

March: Daylight Savings Time starts (second Sunday in March)

March: Disability Day of Mourning to honor disabled people murdered by their families & caregivers

March: Red Cross Month

March: Irish American History Month

March 1:

- 1961: Peace Corps established by executive order
- National Black Women in Jazz and the Arts day
- World Civil Defense Day

March 2:

- National Read Across America Day
- World Teen Mental Wellness Day
- American Citizenship day (Puerto Rico)
- Dr. Seuss' Birthday
- Purim (March 2, 2026)

March 3:

- World Hearing day
- International Day for the Rights of Sex Workers

March 4

- 1913: Department of Labor established
- World day of prayer

- Mardi Gras (March 4, 2025)
- Holi (Hindu Holiday) (2026 - changes every year)

March 5

- 2024: Super Tuesday
- Ash Wednesday (March 5, 2025)

March 6:

- Purim begins (Jewish holiday) (2023 - changes every year)

March 7:

- Alexander Graham Bell day
- 2024: State of the Union address
- 1965: Selma Alabama March

March 8:

- International Women's Day

March 10:

- National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- Abortion Provider Appreciation Day ([info link](#))

March 11:

- 2020: anniversary of COVID declared a world pandemic
- 2021 American Rescue Plan signed into law
- 2011: East Japan earthquake and tsunami

March 13:

- International Good Samaritan Day
- National K9 Veterans Day

March 14:

- 2018: National School Walkout (on guns)

March 15:

- 1933: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's birthday
- International day against police brutality
- Equal Pay Day 2022
- Oscars (2026)

March 16:

- 2003: Rachel Corrie murdered
- Freedom of Information Day
- National vaccination day

March 17:

- St. Patrick's Day
- 1912: Bayard Rustin's birthday

March 18:

- 1963: SCOTUS rules Gideon v. Wainwright (free legal aid)
- 2018: Stephon Clark murdered
- Global Recycling day
- National supreme sacrifice day
- House Ways & Means (2024) -Hearing on Ensuring Resilient Emergency Medical care

March 19:

- 1917: Supreme Court approves Eight Hour Act
- Certified nurses day
- National let's laugh day

March 20:

- 2003: Iraq War Begins with the invasion of Iraq by US and allied forces
- International Day of Happiness
- Spring equinox (March 20, 2026)
- Senate (2024): Hearing to examine the status of Social Security
- Senate (2024): Hearing to stop the flow of Fentanyl into the U.S
- End of Ramadan (2026)

March 21:

- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- National single parent day
- World poetry day
- World down syndrome day

March 22:

- World Water Day

March 23:

- 2010: Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) signed into law

March 24,

- 1980: Archbishop Oscar Romero assassinated
- 2018: March for Our Lives

March 25

- 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist fire in Manhattan
- National medal of honor day
- National physicians week

March 27:

- 2002: BCRA (Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act aka McCain-Feingold) signed into law

March 29:

- National Vietnam War Veterans Day

March 30:

- National Doctors Day
- 1870: 15th Amendment Passed (Black men have the right to vote)

March 31:

- International Transgender Day of Visibility
- Cesar Chavez Day

March/April

March/April: Palm Sunday (Sunday before Easter)

March/April: Good Friday (Friday before Easter)

March/April: Easter Sunday (between March 22 and April 25)

March/April: Passover (first two days are a major holiday, dietary restrictions for a week)

February/March/April: Ramadan

April

April: Dalit History Month: A Celebration of Dalit Resistance to Caste Apartheid

April: Medicaid Awareness Month <https://www.protectourcare.org/medicaid-awareness-month/>

April: Sexual Assault Awareness Month <https://www.nsvrc.org/saam>

April: National Volunteer Month

April: National Deaf History Month

April: National Public Health Week (First full week of April) <http://www.nphw.org/>

April: Take Our Daughters & Sons To Work Day (4th Thursday in April)

April: Administrative Professionals Day (Wednesday of last full week of April)

April: Baisakhi Day (Vaisakhi Day) - Sikh celebration (date varies each year; all celebrations open to the public)

April: Child Abuse Awareness Month

April 1:

- April Fools Day
- Passover begins (2026 - changes every year)

April 2:

- 2019: Equal Pay Day <https://www.pay-equity.org/day.html>
- World Autism Awareness Day

April 3:

- World Library week

April 4:

- 1968: Anniversary of King's assassination
- National Public Health Week
- National School Librarian Day

April 5:

- Easter (2026 - changes every year)

April 7:

- Easter Monday (April 1, 2026 - changes every year)
- World Health Day <http://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/>

April 8:

- Day of Silence

April 10:

- National Siblings Day
- Dolores Huerta's Birthday

April 8-14:

- Anti-Street Harassment Week <http://www.stopstreetharassment.org/our-work/meetusonthestreet/>
- Crime Victims' Rights Week

April 9:

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April 10: Dolores Huerta's Birthday

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April 11-17: [Black Maternal Health Week](#) (April 11 - 17, 2026)

April 11:

- Anniversary of Fair Housing Act
- National Pet Day

April 12:

- Lao New Year (Pii Mai) (2026)

April 13:

- Thomas Jefferson Day

April 14-15: Spring Actions to End Wars at Home & Abroad

April 14:

- 2018: 2nd National March for Science-DC

April 15:

- Tax Day -- sometimes holidays postpone it
- War Resisters [Day of Tax Resistance](#)

April 16

- 2007: Virginia Tech massacre
- [National Healthcare Decisions Day](#) (day after Tax Day)
- National Volunteer Week (April 16 - 22, 2023 - 3rd week in April)

April 17:

- House (2024): Education committee hearing on Columbia University's response to anti-semitism

April 18:

- 2015: Freddie Gray murdered
- Adult Autism Awareness day

April 20:

- 1999: Columbine massacre
- 2018: National School Walkout
- Weed Day (4/20)

April 21:

- 2014: Start of Flint Water crisis (still not solved as of today)

April 22:

- 1970: Earth Day
- 2018: One year anniversary of the March for Science

April 23:

- 2018: Net Neutrality ends
- Shakespeare Day
- World Book Day

April 24:

- Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day

April 23-27: Every Kid Healthy week

April 25:

- Take our sons and daughters to work day (April 25, 2024 - changes every year)

April 26:

- Lesbian Day of Visibility

April 27:

April 28:

- Workers' memorial day

April 29:

- 2017: People's Climate Marches
- National arbor day

April 30:

- Honesty day
- National adopt a shelter pet day

April/May

April/May: Holocaust Remembrance Day

May

May: Asian Pacific American Heritage, Older Americans, Jewish American Heritage Month, Community Action Month

May: Public Service Recognition Week (first full week)

May: Teacher Appreciation Week (first full week), Teacher Appreciation Day is Tuesday in that week

May: Mother's Day (second Sunday of May)

May: Endangered Species Day (third Friday of May)

May: Memorial Day (last Monday of May)

May: ALS Awareness month, Military Appreciation Month, Mental Health Awareness Month

May 1:

- May Day
- International Workers Day
- 2003: "Mission Accomplished" supposed end to war in Iraq
- Silver star service banner day

May 2:

- National brothers and sisters day

May 3:

- 1919: Pete Seeger's birthday (100th in 2019)
- Constitution Memorial Day (Japan)
- National space day (2024: First Friday in May)

May 4:

- 1961: First Freedom Ride leaves DC
- 2017: House passes American Health Care Act (aka TrumpCare v. 1.0)
- 1958: Keith Haring's birthday
- Star Wars Day

May 5:

- Cinco de Mayo
- National day of prayer
- National astronaut day

May 6:

- National Nurses Day (2024)
- 1882: Chinese Exclusion Act issued

May 7:

- National fair trade day
- National Teacher's Day (2024)

May 8:

- 1973: Rockefeller Drug Law enacted

May 9:

- 1960: FDA announces approval of birth control pill

May 10:

- 1886 Lee Yick Wins Equal Protection Under the Law Case
- 1994: Nelson Mandela became president of SA

May 12:

- 2018 Iran Deal recertification due
- Mother's day (2024)
- National women's health week (12-15, 2024)

May 13:

- National Mental Health Awareness Week (13-19, 2024)

May 14

- 2018 Launch of the Poor People's Campaign
- 2018 US embassy moved to Jerusalem

May 15:

- 2018 Nakba Day
- International family day
- Peace officers memorial day

May 16:

- Honor LGBTQ+ elders day
- Do something good for your neighbor day
- States Armed Forces Day (May 16, 2026 - changes every year)

May 17:

- International Day Against Homophobia/Transphobia/Biphobia
- 2017: Robert Mueller appointed Special Counsel for Trump Russia investigation
- 2019: Endangered Species Day (2024: 3rd Friday in May)
- 1954: Brown v. Board of Education Anniversary

May 18:

- HIV vaccine awareness day

May 19:

- 2019: Malcolm X Day. [Celebrated](#) either on May 19 (Malcolm's birthday), or closest Sunday.
- 1921: Yuri Kochiyama's birthday
- National Asian and Pacific Islander (API) HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

May 20:

- 1993: NVRA (National Voter Registration Act aka Motor Voter) signed into law
- National endangered species day
- National rescue dogs day

May 21:

- Armed Forces Day
- 1968: "Resurrection City" erected on National Mall
- Anniversary of the 19th Amendment (Womens' Vote)

May 22:

- Harvey Milk Day
- National Maritime Day

May 23:

- 1838: Trail of Tears begins

May 24,

- 1924: The Immigration Act of 1924, including the Asian Exclusion Act and National Origins Act signed into law
- 1941: Bob Dylan born
- National Brother's Day

May 25:

- 2007: Fair Minimum Wage Act signed (last time federal min wage was raised)

May 27:

- Memorial Day (2024) (remembering and honoring persons who have died while serving in the United)

May 28:

- 1830 Indian Removal Act signed into law by President Andrew Jackson

May 29:

- 1851: Sojourner Truth makes famous "Ain't I a Woman?" Speech

May 30:

- 1955: "Brown II"

May 31:

- 2009: Dr. George Tiller assassinated by anti-abortion extremist

May/June

May/June Ramadan (daily dawn to sunset Muslim fast from food, drink, smoking, sex) Note: Date changes by 10-11 days each year as it follows the lunar calendar. Google "when is Ramadan ____[year]" and that year's start date will vary by +/- from that date depending on school of thought

May/June: Shavuot (7 weeks after Passover, major holiday but mainly observed by observant Jews)

June

June: Gay Lesbian Pride Month

June: Immigrant Heritage Month

June: Caribbean Heritage Month

June: National Cancer Survivor Month

June: Eid al-Fitr (end of Ramadan celebration at mosques/in homes). Note: Date changes by 10-11 days each year as it follows the lunar calendar. Google "when is Eid al Fitr ____[year]" and that year's date will vary by +/- from that date depending on school of thought

June: Father's Day (3rd Sunday of June)

June: LGBTQ Families Day (1st Monday in June)

June: Black Music Appreciation Month

June: Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month

June: Black Lives Matter Month

June 1:

- National Say Something Nice Day
- Global Day of parents
- World Reef Awareness Day

June 2:

- International Whores Day

June 3:

- National donut day

June 4:

- 1919: the Senate passed the 19th Amendment

June 4-5, 1989: Tiananmen Square massacre

June 5:

- Constitution day (Denmark)
- National Cancer Survivors Day
- World environment day
- Pet appreciation week

June 6:

- D-Day
- Higher Ed Day

June 7th:

- 2015: National Gun Violence Awareness Day (2024 - first Friday in June)
- Prince's birthday

June 8:

- National Best Friends Day
- World oceans day

June 10,

- 1963: Equal Pay Act signed

June 11:

- 2017: National Pride March

June 12

- 1967: Loving vs. Virginia (Loving Day - Interracial marriage)
- 1987: President Ronald Reagan gave his famous "Tear Down this Wall" speech
- 2016: Pulse shooting in Orlando / Pulse Remembrance Day
- National Flag week

June 13, 1966: Supreme Court decides *Ernesto Miranda vs. Arizona* ("Miranda rights")

- National men's health week

June 14:

- Flag Day
- Army's Bday
- Trump's birthday
- World blood donor day

June 15

- 2012: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) announced
- 1982: Supreme Court ruled in the case of Plyler v. Doe (education for undocumented immigrant children)

June 16 -

- 1933: National Industrial Recovery Act Enacted (Created the Public Works Administration)
- 2015: Trump's campaign [announcement speech](#)
- Father's day (Sun. 6/16/24)

June 16-17 (2024): Eid Al-Adha (around Hajj which is a required once in a lifetime pilgrimage, celebrated worldwide in unison by Muslims whether on pilgrimage or not) Note: Date changes by 10-11 days

each year as it follows lunar calendar. Google “when is Eid al Adha ____[year]” and that year’s date will vary by +/- from that date depending on school of thought

June 17:

- 2021: Juneteenth signed as official Federal Holiday (President Biden)
- 2021: Supreme Court rejects 3rd Obamacare lawsuit, Texas v California, 7-2
- 2015: Charleston church shooting at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church

June 19 :

- 1886: Juneteenth
- 2021: Juneteenth first official celebration as a Federal Holiday

June 20 -

- World Refugee Day
- American Eagle Day

June 21:

- Summer solstice
- World day of music

June 22:

- 1944 - FDR signs the GI Bill

June 23

- 1888: Frederick Douglass is 1st African-American to have his name put forward for a presidential nomination in a major party's roll call vote
- 2016: UK votes to leave EU (“Brexit”)

June 24

- Anniversary of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* decision: June 24, 2022
- Revoked the constitutional right to abortion, abandoning nearly 50 years of precedent
- Overturned *Roe v. Wade* (2022)
- Led to 13 states’ trigger laws prohibiting abortion going into effect and other states enacting or enforcing their own total bans. Some states amended their constitution to declare that it does not contain any protection for abortion rights or allow public funds to be used for abortion.
- 17 states and D.C. have laws that protect the right to abortion
- 4 states have passed a constitutional amendment explicitly declaring that their constitution does not secure or protect the right to abortion or allow use of public funds for abortion

June 25

- 1938: Fair Labor Standards Act signed
- 1929 US President Herbert Hoover authorizes building of Boulder Dam (Hoover Dam)
- 1941 - FDR signs E.O. to prohibit racial discrimination in the national defense industry. It was the first federal action to promote equal opportunity and prohibit employment discrimination in U.S.
- 1947 - Anne Frank’s Diary is first published

June 25, 2013:

- Shelby County vs. Holder (gutting Voting Right Act)
- Global Beatles Day (band)

June 26:

- 2018: SCOTUS upholds “Muslim Ban” (Trump vs Hawaii)
- 2015: Obergefell vs. Hodges (same sex marriage legalized for whole US)
- 1945 - The Charter of the United Nations is signed, officially founding the UN
- International Day in Support of Victims of Torture

June 27 -

- National HIV testing day
- 1950, U.S. military forces enter into Korean War

- National PTSD awareness day

June 28

- 1969: Stonewall riots anniversary
- 1914 - Archduke Franz Ferdinand is assassinated.
- 1965 1st US ground combat forces in Vietnam authorized by President Lyndon B. Johnson

June 29:

- Hug holiday

June 30

- 1906 -US Congress passes the Meat Inspection Act and the Pure Food and Drug Act
- 1967 Robert Henry Lawrence, Jr. named 1st Black astronaut
- 2014 - Burwell v. Hobby Lobby - strikes down ACA mandate that health plans offer contraceptives.

July/August:

- Tisha B'Av (major Jewish fast day, mainly observed by observant Jews) (Aug 12, 2024)

July

July: Disability Awareness Month

July 1:

- Canada Day
- International reggae day
- National postal workers day
- [Supreme Court decides Presidents are immune from any criminal acts](#) (2024)

July 2

- 1964 US President Lyndon B. Johnson signs Civil Rights Act
- 1809: Chief Tecumseh Called on Native American Nations to Unite 1809
- Made in the US day

July 4:

- Independence Day

July 5:

- 1935 FDR signs US National Labor Relations Act

July 6:

- 2016: Philando Castile murdered

July 7:

- 1930 Construction begins on Boulder (Hoover) Dam
- 1903: **March of the Mill Children**
- World chocolate day
- Global forgiveness day

July 8:

- 1898: Hawai'i Annexation

July 10:

- 1934 1st sitting US President to visit South America, FDR in Colombia
- 1971 National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC) founded in US

July 11:

- 1905: The Niagara Movement was formed
- World population day

July 12:

- 1917 The Bisbee Deportation was the illegal deportation of about 1,300 striking mine workers (IWW-led strike), their supporters, and citizen bystanders by 2,000 vigilantes.

July 13:

- 2013: George Zimmerman Acquitted in Trayvon Martin Killing // Launch of #BlackLivesMatter
- 2015: Sandra Bland dies in police custody
- 2024: Assassination Attempt on Donald Trump at rally in Butler, PA

July 14:

- Bastille Day
- Shark awareness day
- International Non-Binary People's Day

July 15:

- 1978: The Longest Walk ends in DC
- 2016: Failed Military Coup in Turkey

July 16:

- 1862: Ida B. Wells birthday
- Eid Al Adha (2024: 16-19)

July 17:

- 2014: Eric Garner murdered
- World day for international justice

July 18:

- Nelson Mandela Day
- 2012 Kim Jong-un is officially appointed Supreme Leader of North Korea
- World listening day

July 19:

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July 20:

- 1951: Mattachine Society formally organized
- 2012: Aurora, Colorado shooting

July 21:

- 2010: Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act
- 1969 Neil Armstrong becomes the first person to step on the Moon at 2:56:15 AM (GMT)
- 2024: Sunday, 7/21 President Joe Biden ends reelection bid & Vice President Kamala Harris accepts his endorsement/her candidacy for POTUS

July 22:

- 1849: Poet Emma Lazarus' birthday

July 23:

- 2015 Supreme Court rejects Bill Cosby's petition against a civil case of his alleged sexual of 15-year-old girl at the Playboy Mansion in 1974

July 24:

- Amelia Earhart Day
- International Self Care Day

- Washington Star broke the story of the unethical Tuskegee Syphilis Study
- National Parents Day

July 25:

- National Intern Day (2024 - Last Thursday of July)

July 26:

- 1990: Americans with Disabilities Act signed into law
- 2017 Trump announces policy to ban transgender people from the military
- 1947 President Truman signs National Security Act (1947), establishing Department of Defense, CIA, National Security Council and Joint Chiefs of Staff
- National Disability Independence Day
- Summer Olympics 2024 (July 26 - Aug 11)

July 27:

- National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
- 1965 - Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act signed
- Health Care Freedom Act aka "Skinny repeal" health care bill defeated

July 28:

- 1945 - U.S. Senate ratified UN Charter
- Buffalo Soldiers Day - first black americans to serve for U.S. army

July 29:

- National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958 is signed, creating NASA
- Islamic New Year

July 30:

- 1932 - Bill signed to create WAVES - Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service
- 2002 - "The Sarbanes Oxley Act" signed into law by President George W. Bush
- 2017 - Russian President Vladimir Putin announces American diplomats in Russia cut by 755 in response to American sanctions
- Support public education day
- International day of friendship
- National Whistle-Blowers Day

August

August: National Immunization Awareness Month

August 1:

- 1946 US President Harry Truman establishes Atomic Energy Commission (AEC)
- NATIONAL MINORITY DONOR AWARENESS DAY (organ donors)

August 2:

- 1776: Formal signing of the US Declaration of Independence by 56 people
- 2017: US President Donald Trump signs legislation imposing sanctions on Russia, limiting his ability to ever lift them

August 3:

- 1934: Adolf Hitler merges the offices of German Chancellor and President, declaring himself "Führer" (leader)
- 2015 US President Obama unveils his Clean Power Plan to cut greenhouse gases
- National Black women's equal pay day (some sources say Sep 21)

August 4:

- 1944 - Anne Frank is arrested, later dies in concentration camp.
- 2010 California's Proposition 8, the ballot initiative prohibiting same-sex marriage passed by the state's voters in 2008, is overturned by Judge Vaughn Walker in the case Perry v. Schwarzenegger
- President Obama's birthday (August 4, 1961)

August 5:

- 1997: State Children's Health Insurance Program
- 1992: 4 cops in Rodney King beating case indicted on civil rights

August 6:

- 1965: Voting Rights Act signed into law
- 1945 Atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima by the US B-29 Superfortress "Enola Gay"

August 7:

- 2018: Missouri Right-to-Work vote
- National Purple Heart Day 2018
- National sister's day
- American family day
- National friendship day
- National farmers market week

August 9:

- 1974: Richard Nixon resigns
- 1945 US drops 2nd atomic bomb "Fat Man" on Japan destroys part of Nagasaki
- 2014: Michael Brown murdered
- International Day of the World's Indigenous People
- National book lovers day
- National Veep day
- National women's day (South Africa)

August 10:

- 2017 US President Donald Trump declares opioid addiction a national emergency

August 11:

- Mountain day
- National son and daughter day
- Kamala Harris announced as Biden's VP (2020)
- Last Day of Summer Olympics (2024)

August 12:

- 2017: Charlottesville white supremacy rally, Heather Heyer murdered
- 2017: Trump says there is blame on both sides
- International Youth Day
- 1955: US President Eisenhower raises minimum wage from 75 cents to \$1 an hour
- 2013: Floyd Vs. New York decided (re stop and frisk)
- World elephant day

August 14:

- 1935: Social Security - Act
- 1862 Abraham Lincoln receives the first group of African Americans to confer with a US president
- 1945: Japan surrenders ending WWII
- 2016: Colin Kaepernick first takes a knee

August 14:

- 1947: Pakistan Independence Day

August 15:

- 1973: end of US Military involvement in Vietnam
- 1947: India becomes independent from British rule
- Discovery Day
- 2015: Julian Bond passed away

August 16:

- Inflation Reduction Act signed into law

August 18:

- 1920: 19th Amendment was ratified – thanks to a narrow yes vote in Tennessee

August 19:

- World Humanitarian Day
- National Aviation Week

August 20:

- 1964: US President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Economic Opportunity Act
- International homeless animals day
- National radio day
- World honey bee day

August 21:

- National Senior Citizens Day

August 22:

- 2019: African-American Women's Equal Pay Day
- Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) signed into law
- National Heroes Day

August 23:

- 2011 Libyan leader Muammar al-Gaddafi is overthrown
- European day of remembrance for victims of stalinism and nazism
- International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
- World Water Week
- National Poll Worker Recruitment Day (2024)

August 24:

- 1954: US President Eisenhower signs Communist Control Act, outlawing the Communist Party

August 25:

- 1932: Amelia Earhart completes transcontinental flight
- National Park Service Founders Day (founded 8/25/1915)
- 2017 President Donald Trump grants presidential pardon to Joe Arpaio,

August 26:

- Women's Equality Day
- World dog day

August 27:

- 2008: Barack Obama becomes the first African-American to be nominated by a major political party for President of the United States

August 28 - marks a significant date in our shared history.

- 1833: Slavery was abolished in the U.K. and throughout the British empire
- 1955: Emmett Till, 14, was brutally beaten and shot to death by white men in Mississippi after a white woman, Carolyn Bryant lied. The trial around his death galvanized the civil rights movement. His mother Mamie Till ordered an open casket to bring attention to the brutal violence he endured.

- 1963: MLK I Have a Dream speech, as the March on Washington became the largest civil rights demonstration the United States capitol had ever seen.
- 2005: Hurricane Katrina made landfall in Louisiana, and the resulting devastation disproportionately impacted black residents of New Orleans and surrounding areas.
- 2008: Sen. Barack Obama became the first black man to win the nomination of a major party for president.

August 29 -

- 2005: Hurricane Katrina makes landfall in Louisiana
- Individual Rights Day
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- International Day Against Nuclear Tests (established by UN)
- 1904 Olympic Games open in St Louis, the 1st Olympics ever held in the U.S.

August 30:

- 1967 US Senate confirm Thurgood Marshall as 1st black justice
- National beach day
- National grief awareness day

September

September: National Latino-Latinx Heritage Month (always Sept. 15-Oct. 15)

September: National Literacy Month

September: Labor Day (first Monday in September)

September: National Voter Registration Day (4th Tuesday of September - on Sept. 16 in 2025)

September: Sexual Health Month

September: World Alzheimer's Month

September: National Suicide Prevention Month

September: Childhood Cancer Month, Gynecological Cancer Month

September 1:

- National Food Bank Day (Sep 1, 2023 - 1st Friday in September)

September 2:

- 1974: US President Gerald Ford signs Employee Retirement Income Security Act
- VJ Day

September 3:

- 2016: U.S. joins the Paris Agreement on climate change
- 1964: Wilderness Act signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson

September 4:

- National Wildlife day
- Labor Day (Sep 4, 2023 - changes every year)

September 5:

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September 6:

- 2018 Botham Jean killed in his home by police officer
- Jane Addams' birthday

September 8:

- 1974: US President Gerald Ford pardons former President Richard Nixon of all federal crimes
- International Literacy Day

September 9:

- 1966: The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act is signed into law by the U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson.
- Attica uprising 1971
- Stand up to Cancer Day

September 10:

- World Suicide Prevention Day
- Beginning of suicide prevention week (Sep 10-16, 2023 - changes every year)

September 11:

- 2001: 9/11 attack
- National Emergency Responders Day
- National Day of Service and Remembrance
- Grandparents Day
- Patriot Day

September 12:

- National Police Women Day

September 13:

- 1994: Assault Weapons Ban signed into law, has since expired.
- The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act signed by Pres. Clinton
- Violence Against Women Act first signed into law by Pres. Clinton
- Uncle Sam Day

September 15:

- International day of democracy
- Greenpeace Day
- First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month (always Sep 15 - Oct 15)
- Rosh Hashanah (Sep 15, 2023 - changes every year)

September 16:

- Mexican Independence Day
- National Working Parents Day
- National POW/MIA Recognition Day

September 17:

- U.S. Constitution Day

September 18:

- 1793: US President George Washington lays the cornerstone of the Capitol Building in Washington D.C.
- National HIV Awareness Day

September 19:

- 2017 US President Donald Trump addresses the United Nations vowing to "totally destroy North Korea" if threatens the US

September 20:

- 2017: Hurricane Maria makes landfall in Puerto Rico
- 2001: In an address to a joint session of Congress and the American people, U.S. President George W. Bush declares a "**war on terror**"

September 21:

- 1993: AmeriCorps created (National Community Service & Trust Act)

- World Peace Day
- World Alzheimer's Day
- International peace Day

September 22:

- National Wildlife Ecology Day
- American Business Women's Day

September 23:

- Bisexual Pride Day
- International day of sign languages
- Fall equinox (2023 - floats between 20-23rd each year)

September 24:

- 1996 U.S. President Bill Clinton signed the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty at the United Nations
- National Public Lands Day
- Yom Kippur (Sep 24, 2023 - changes every year)

September 25:

- National Comic Book Day
- **National Daughters Day**

September 26:

- National Women's Health and Fitness Day
- National Family Day
- World day of migrants and refugees
- NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY (Sep 26, 2023 - 4th Tuesday of September each year)

September 27:

- 2018: Native American Women's Equal Pay Day
- World tourism day
- National Voter Registration Day

September 28:

- National Good Neighbor Day

September 29:

- 2008: Stock Market dcrash leading to Great Recession
- National Public Lands Day
- SNAP anniversary
- **Veterans of Foreign Wars Day**
- World maritime day
- Sukkot (Sep 29 - Oct 6, 2023)

September 30:

- 1962: Mexican-American labor leader César Chávez founded the United Farm Workers.

September/October

September/October: Rosh Hashanah (major holiday, generally observed by all non-secular Jews)

September/October: Yom Kippur (10 days after the first day of [Rosh Hashanah](#), major holiday, generally observed by all non-secular Jews)

September/October: Sukkot (first two and last two days major Jewish holiday but less commonly observed)

September/October: Banned Books Week (date different every year)

October

October: LGBT History Month, National Disability Employment Awareness Month, National Learning and Development Month, Anti- Domestic Violence Month, and National Italian American Heritage Month, Health Literacy Month, Emotional Wellness Month

October: Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day (2nd Monday in October)

October 1:

- 2017: Las Vegas massacre
- Day of Unity
- Child Health Day

October 2:

- International Day of Non-Violence
- Women's March for Reproductive Freedoms (2021 in response to Texas and other Abortion Bans)

October 3:

- 1913 US Federal income tax signed into law (at 1%) by President Woodrow Wilson
- 2008 The **\$700 billion bailout bill for the US financial system** is signed by President George W. Bush
- 2017 US President Trump visits Puerto Rico devastated by hurricane Maria
- National Unity Day

October 4:

- National Diversity Day
- World Animal Day
- World Habitat Day

October 5:

- 2015: Governor Jerry Brown of California signs a bill giving terminally ill patients the "right to die"
- National Diversity Day
- World Teachers Day

October 6:

- 2018: Brett Kavanaugh confirmed to the Supreme Court
- 1917: Fannie Lou Hamer born
- World Cerebral Palsy Day

October 7:

- 2001: War in Afghanistan begins ([longest U.S. war ever](#))
- 2016: Trump Access Hollywood tape released

October 8:

- 2001: U.S. President George W. Bush announces the establishment of the Department of Homeland Security.

October 9:

- 2012: Women's rights and education activist **Malala Yousafzai** is shot three times by a Taliban gunman as she tried to board her school bus in Swat district of northwest Pakistan

- Pastor Appreciation Day
- Indigenous Peoples Day (2023 - changes every year - 2nd Monday in October)

October 10:

- World homeless day (potentially say **unhoused** as a more polite term)
- World day against the death penalty

October 11:

- National Coming Out Day
- 1991: Anita Hill testifies to U.S. Senate re: Clarence Thomas

October 12:

- 2017: Trump signs executive order undercutting the ACA
- Oct 12- National stop bullying day
- Emergency nurses day
- 1971: Congress passes the Equal Rights Amendment

October 13:

- Good Samaritan Day
- White House cornerstone laid 1792
- International Day For Natural Disaster Reduction

October 14 -

- 1964 Martin Luther King Jr. announced as winner of the Nobel Peace Prize

October 15:

- 2017: #MeToo movement spreads
- 1966 LBJ signs a bill creating US Department of Transportation
- Breast Health Day
- Black Panther Party for Self Defense founded, 1966

October 16:

- Authorization for the Use of Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002
- Black Power protest @ Olympics 1968
- World Food Day

October 17:

- Department of Education created 1979
- International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- World Values Day
- Black poetry day

October 18:

- 2017: US congresswoman Frederica Wilson says President Donald Trump said to bereaved army family of Sgt. La David Johnson "He knew what he was signing up for, but I guess it hurts anyway"
- Spirit Day
- The Clean Water Act signed into law, 1972
- First Filipino immigrants arrived in the US, 1587 (!)

October 19 - 27: National Week of Action against School Pushout (Dignity in Schools)

October 22:

- 1962 Cuban missile crisis: US President John F. Kennedy addresses TV about Russian missile bases in Cuba and imposes a naval blockade on Cuba, beginning the missile crisis
- National Day of Protest against Police Brutality
- Clean Up the Earth Day

October 23:

- 1947: W.E.B. Dubois and NAACP petition the UN with "An Appeal to the World"

October 24

- Oct 24-27, 1991: Principles of Environmental Justice signed in DC
- Black Thursday
- United Nations Day

October 24:

- 1938: Fair Labor Standards Act takes effect

October 25:

- 1988: Department of Veterans Affairs created
- Purple Thursday (national day of action: Domestic Violence Awareness)

October 26:

- Nevada Day Observance
- 1949 US President Harry Truman increases minimum wage from 40 cents to 75 cents
- PATRIOT Act becomes law, 2001

October 27

- 1978 US President Jimmy Carter signs Hawkins-Humphrey full employment bill
- Department of Justice announces that U.S. prison population surpasses 1 million people, 1994
- Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting

October 28

- 1919 Volstead Act passed by US Congress, establishing prohibition, despite President Woodrow Wilson's veto
- Statue of Liberty dedicated 1886
- National First Responders Day
- National Immigrants Day

October 29

- 1929: Black Tuesday stock market crash triggers Great Depression
- 2012: Hurricane Sandy hits NYC
- 1969: Supreme Court issues decision on Alexander v. Holmes County Board of Education, order immediate desegregation of school

October 30:

- 2017 President Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort and associate Rick Gates are indicted on fraud charges, advisor George Papadopoulos pleads guilty to lying to the FBI
- 2017 US federal judge blocks President Trump's ban on transgender people in the military

October 31:

- Halloween
- Diwali (Oct 31 - Nov 1, 2024)

October/November

October/November: Diwali (Oct 31 - Nov 1, 2024)

November

November: National American Indian Heritage Month

November: Daylight Savings Time ends (first Sunday in November)

November: Election Day (the first Tuesday after November 1)

November: Thanksgiving (Fourth Thursday in November)

November: Black Friday (Day after Thanksgiving)

November 1:

- Open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act begins
- 2018: Latina Women's Equal Pay Day <http://latinaequalpay.org/>

November 1-2: Día de los Angelitos, Día de los Muertos

November 2:

- 2013: Renisha McBride murdered
- Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Introduced in 2017
- Day of the Dead

November 3:

- 2014 New York's 104-storey One World Trade Center officially opens 13 years after the September 11 attacks
- Japanese Culture Day

November 4:

- 1979 500 Iranian students loyal to Ayatollah Khomeini seize the US Embassy in Tehran, taking 90 hostages for 444 days
- 2008 - Obama is elected President

November 5:

- 2017 Paradise Papers are leaked; 13.4 million documents from offshore investment firm Appleby, mentioning Queen Elizabeth and Wilbur Ross US Secretary of Commerce

November 6:

- 1986 President Reagan signs landmark immigration reform bill, giving amnesty to all undocumented people who entered the U.S. before 1982
- 2012 Tammy Duckworth becomes the first disabled woman and first person born in Thailand to be elected to US Congress

November 7:

- 1967 LBJ signs a bill establishing Corporation for Public Broadcasting
- National cancer awareness day

November 8:

- 1965: Pell Grants created (Higher Education Act signed into law)
- 1966 Edward W. Brooke (Rep-R-Mass) becomes 1st African American popularly elected to the US Senate
- Trump elected President

November 9:

- World freedom day
- Go to an art museum day

November 10:

- 1775: Marine Corps Birthday
- 1969 Sesame Street first airs on TV (50th anniversary in 2019)
- World science day for peace and development

November 11:

- 1919: Veterans Day
- 1921 US President Warren G. Harding dedicates Tomb of Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery
- National Education Day

November 12:

- Diwali (2023)

November 15:

- 1990 US President George H. W. Bush signs Clean Air Act of 1990
- 2012 Deep Horizon Oil Spill: BP settles for \$4.5 Billion
- National Philanthropy Day <https://nationaltoday.com/national-philanthropy-day/>
- National recycling day

November 16:

- International day for tolerance

November 19:

- 1998 Lewinsky scandal: The United States House of Representatives Judiciary Committee begins impeachment hearings against U.S. President Bill Clinton.
- Women's entrepreneurship day
- International men's day
- National adoption day
- International survivors of suicide loss day

November 20:

- [Transgender Day of Remembrance](#)
- Joe Biden's birthday
- Future Teachers of America Day
- World day of remembrance for road traffic victims

November 21:

- World Fisheries Day

November 22:

- 2014: Tamir Rice murdered
- 1963 American President John F. Kennedy assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas, Texas

November 23:

- 1963 LBJ proclaims Nov 25 a day of national mourning

November 25:

- UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- 1987: Harold Washington died
- Day of Listening
- Small business Saturday (2023)

November 26:

- World Lewis day

November 27:

- Cyber Monday (2023)

November 28:

- Giving Tuesday (2023)
- Red planet day

November 29:

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November 30:

- 1993: Brady Bill signed into law

November 30:

- Native Women's Equal Pay Day

November/December

November/December: Giving Tuesday (Tuesday after Thanksgiving)

November/December: Hanukkah (Jewish holiday observed by many Jews in home. Generally first night is most important to not conflict with)

December

December: Month of Giving, Universal Human Rights Month

December 1:

- World AIDS Day
- 1955: Rosa Parks refuses to give up her bus seat/Rosa Parks Day

December 2:

- International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

December 3:

- International Day of Persons with Disabilities

December 4:

- MLK announces Poor People's Campaign 1967

December 5

- NYC First in Nation to Pass Fair Housing Ordinance 1957
- International Volunteer Day
- Prohibition ends 1933 (21st Amendment to Constitution is ratified, repealing 18th Amendment)
- 1955: Montgomery Bus Boycott began

December 6:

- 1931: The National Hunger March reaches Washington D.C.
- National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women Day

December 7:

- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- International Civil Aviation Day

December 8:

- 1993: NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) signed into law
- Rohatsu (Buddhist holiday celebrating the enlightenment of the Buddha. This is the date of observance for Japanese Buddhists and Buddhist lineages originating in Japan.)

December 10:

- International Human Rights Day
- International Animal Rights Day
- Nobel Prize Day

December 13:

- 1903: Ella Baker was born

December 14:

- 2012: Sandy Hook/Newtown massacre
- 2014: Antonio Martin murdered

December 15:

- Open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act ends (in most states but not all)
<https://www.healthcare.gov/>
- Bill of Rights Day

December 16:

- 1974, President Gerald Ford signed into law the Safe Drinking Water Act
- Day of Reconciliation

December 17:

- Tax Cuts and Jobs Act 2017
- 1944, Public Proclamation No. 21 ended Japanese-American internment

December 18:

- International Migrants Day
- 1865: Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution was officially approved
- 1944: Supreme Court ruled against Fred Korematsu,
- 2011: Last troops leave Iraq

December 21:

- Winter Solstice (2024)

December 22:

- 2010: Don't Ask Don't Tell repeal signed into law
- 2017: Trump signs Tax Cuts and Jobs Act into law

December 25:

- Christmas
- 1st Day of Hanukkah (Dec 1- , 2024)

December 26

- Dec 26-Jan 1: Kwanzaa

December 29:

- Massacre at Wounded Knee

December 31:

- New Years Eve

Annual dates of Jewish holidays can be found at <https://www.hebcal.com/holidays/>

Current year dates for many religions can be found here: <https://www.calendarlabs.com/holidays/religious/>

<https://www.checkiday.com/> lists holidays and other notable things about every day.

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