

# Cultural Observances and Causes Calendar

We've compiled a calendar of cultural observances and causes to bridge the gap so we can come together and understand what holds value for others. See something we're missing? Email us at [dei@rcbc.edu](mailto:dei@rcbc.edu).

## January

- Poverty in America Awareness Month
- New Year's Day
- Global Family Day/World Peace Day
- World Braille Day
- Christian: Epiphany
- Hindu: Makar Sankranti or Maghi
- World Religion Day
- National Day of Racial Healing
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- World Freedom Day
- Chinese New Year (coincides with the lunar calendar, falls on different dates each year, typically between January 21 - February 21)
- International Customs Day
- International Holocaust Remembrance Day

## February

- American History Month
- Black History Month
- Canadian History Month
- Human Relations Month
- Chinese New Year (coincides with the lunar calendar, falls on different dates each year, typically between January 21 - February 21)
- St. Valentine's Day
- Buddhist: Parinirvana or Nirvana Day
- Presidents Day
- World Day of Social Justice
- Mardi Gras
- Christian: Ash Wednesday

## March

- Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month
- Greek-American Heritage Month
- Gender Equality Month

- Irish-American Heritage Month
- Ethnic Equality Month
- National Women's History Month
- National Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month
- International Women's Day
- United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace
- Purim
- World Day of Muslim Culture, Peace, Dialogue and Film
- Pi Day
- St. Urho day
- St. Patrick's Day
- United Nations: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- World Down Syndrome Day
- Naw-Ruz (Baha'i New Year)
- Jewish: Passover
- Hindu: Holi

## **April**

- Community Service Month
- Autism Awareness Month
- Arab-American Heritage Month
- Tartan (Scottish-American) Heritage Month
- Diversity Month
- People with Disabilities: World Autism Awareness Day
- Christian: Easter
- International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda
- Buddhist: Buddha's Birth
- Islamic: Ramadan
- Youth Homelessness Matters Day
- Bahá'í Faith First Day of Ridvan—Festival of Ridvan
- Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah)

## **May**

- National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- Haitian Heritage Month
- Indian Heritage Month
- Jewish-American Heritage Month
- Mental Health Month
- South Asian Heritage Month

- Personal History Awareness Month
- Speech and Hearing Awareness Month
- Older Americans Month
- Cinco de Mayo
- Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for those who Lost their Lives during WWII
- LGBTQ+: International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
- World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
- International Day for Biological Diversity
- Declaration of the Bab in Shiraz, Shavuot
- Ramadan Begins
- Memorial Day
- Ascension of Baha'u'llah

## June

- National Caribbean American Heritage Month
- AIDS Awareness Month
- LGBT Pride Month
- Black Music Month
- Race Unity Day
- Juneteenth

## July

- French-American Heritage Month Independence Day
- Filipino-American Friendship Day
- The Martyrdom of the Bab
- World Population Day
- Islamic: The Hajj
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Pioneer Day
- Americans with Disabilities Act Signed "Disability Independence Day"
- Tisha B'Av

## August

- National Civility Month
- International Day of the World's Indigenous
- Islamic: Al-Hijri (New Year)
- Roman Catholic: Feast of the Assumption
- World Humanitarian Day
- International Day
- Women's Equality Day

- Hindu: Janmashtami (Birth of Lord Krishna)

## September

- National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15)
- National Recovery Month
- Jewish: Rosh Hashanah
- Labor Day
- Hindu: Ganesh Chaturthi
- Patriot Day
- National Native American Day
- International Day of Democracy
- Mexican Independence Day
- Rosh Hashanah
- Women: HeForShe
- International Day of Peace
- Autumnal Equinox
- Yom Kippur

## October

- Bullying Prevention Month
- Global Diversity Awareness Month
- Down Syndrome Awareness Month
- Family History Month
- Filipino-American Heritage Month
- Italian-American Heritage Month
- LGBT History Month
- National Disability Employment Awareness Month
- National German Heritage Month
- Polish-American Heritage Month
- International Day of Non-Violence
- Sukkot
- German American Heritage Day
- People with Disabilities: World Mental Health Day
- National Coming Out Day
- United States: Indigenous Peoples' Day
- White Cane Safety Day
- Spirit Day—Anti Bullying
- International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- World Humanitarian Action Day

- International Pronouns Day
- Birth of the Bab in Shiraz
- LGBTQ+: Spirit Day
- International Stuttering Awareness Day
- Halloween
- Day of the Dead

## **November**

- National Native American Heritage Month & Alaska Native Heritage Month
- Men's Health Awareness Month
- Hindu: Diwali
- Veterans Day/Armistice Day
- Birth of Baha'u'llah
- World Kindness Day
- International Day for Tolerance
- Dutch American Heritage Day
- International Students' Day
- Thanksgiving

## **December**

- Universal Human Rights Month
- World AIDS Day
- International Day for People with Disability
- International Human Rights Day
- Hanukkah
- Mexico: Las Posadas
- International Human Solidarity Day
- Winter Solstice/Yule
- Christmas
- Kwanzaa
- New Year's Eve