



2026 Recognition Dates

January

National Glaucoma Awareness Month

National Blood Donor Month

Human Trafficking Awareness Month

January 1, 2026	New Year's Day
January 4, 2026	World Braille Day
January 12, 2026	National Pharmacist Day
January 16, 2026	Isra' and Mi'raj
January 19, 2026	Martin Luther King Day
January 23, 2026	National Activity Professionals Day
January 24, 2026	Belly Laugh Day
January 25, 2026	National Intravenous Nurse Day
January 26 – February 1, 2026	National Activity Professionals Week

February

Therapeutic Recreation Month

American Hearth Month

AMD/Low Vision Month

National Cancer Prevention Month

National Senior Independence Month

Black History Month

February 1, 2026	Tu Bishvat/Tu B'Shevat
February 2, 2026	Groundhog Day

February 2-6, 2025	Pride in Food Service Week
February 6, 2026	National Wear Red Day®
February 8-14, 2026	Cardiac Rehabilitation Week
February 12, 2026	Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Day
February 13-17, 2026	Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week
February 14, 2026	Valentine's Day
February 14, 2026	National Donor Day
February 14-21, 2026	Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week
February 15, 2026	Maha Shivaratri
February 16, 2026	Presidents Day
February 17, 2026	Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday
February 17, 2026	Random Acts of Kindness Day
February 17, 2026	Ramadan begins
February 18, 2026	Ash Wednesday
February 24-March 2, 2026	National Eating Disorders Awareness Week

March

National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Brain Injury Awareness Month

National Developmental Disabilities Month

Save Your Vision Month

National Social Work Month

National Women's History Month

National Nutrition Month®

Myeloma Awareness Month

March 2, 2026	Purim
March 4, 2026	Holi
March 7, 2026	Employee Appreciation Day
March 8, 2026	International Women's Day
March 8, 2026	Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 8-14, 2026	Patient Safety Awareness Week
March 8-14, 2026	National Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week
March 10-14, 2026	Long Term Care Administrators Week
March 11, 2026	Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day
March 16, 2026	Laylat al-Qadr
March 17, 2026	St. Patrick's Day
March 19, 2026	Eid al-Fitr
March 20, 2026	Spring Equinox
March 20, 2026	World Oral Health Day (WOHD)
March 21, 2026	International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination
March 23, 2026	World Optometry Day
March 24, 2026	The American Diabetes Association Alert Day®
March 29, 2026	Palm Sunday
March 30, 2026	National Doctor's Day
March 31, 2026	International Transgender Day of Visibility

April

Deaf History Month

National Occupational Therapy Month

National Cancer Control Month

Stress Awareness Month

National Minority Cancer Awareness Month

Parkinson's Awareness Month**Arab American Heritage Month****Autism Awareness Month****Celebrate Diversity Month**

April 1, 2026	April Fool's Day
April 1, 2026	Passover begins
April 2, 2026	World Autism Day
April 3, 2026	Good Friday
April 5, 2026	Easter
April 7-13, 2026	National Public Health Week (NPHW)
April 9, 2026	Final day of Passover (No post)
April 11, 2026	World Parkinson's Day
April 13, 2026	Yom HaShoah
April 15, 2026	Tax Day
April 16, 2026	National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD)
April 19-25, 2026	National Volunteer Week
April 22, 2026	Earth Day
April 22, 2026	Administrative Professionals Day
April 23, 2026	Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day

May**ALS Awareness Month****Arthritis Awareness Month****Better Hearing and Speech Month (BHSM)****Global Employee Health and Fitness Month (GEHFM)****Healthy Vision Month (HVM)****Jewish American Heritage Month**

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month**National American Stroke Month****National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month****Older Americans Month****National High Blood Pressure Education Month****National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Awareness Month****National Mental Health Month**

May 3, 2026	International Family Equality Day
May 4, 2026	Lag BaOmer
May 4, 2026	Kent State Shooting Remembrance
May 4, 2026	Star Wars Day
May 5, 2026	Cinco De Mayo
May 6, 2026	National Nurses Day
May 6-12, 2026	National Nurses Week
May 7, 2026	National Day of Prayer
May 8, 2026	Military Spouse Appreciation Day
May 10, 2026	Mother's Day
May 10-16, 2026	Brain Injury Awareness Week
May 10-16, 2026	National Hospital Week
May 10-16, 2026	National Women's Health Week
May 10-16, 2026	National Skilled Nursing Care Week (NSNCW)
May 15, 2026	Peace Officers Memorial Day
May 16, 2026	Armed Forces Day
May 21, 2026	World Day for Cultural Diversity
May 25, 2026	Memorial Day
May 26, 2026	Eid al-Adha
May 27, 2026	National Senior Health and Fitness Day®

June

National Aphasia Awareness Month

National Safety Month

Cataract Awareness Month

PTSD Awareness Month

National Migraine Awareness Month

LGBTQ+ Pride Month

June 2, 2026	Native American Citizenship Day
June 6, 2026	D-Day
June 7, 2026	National Cancer Survivors Day®
June 9-15, 2026	National Men's Health Week
June 11-17, 2026	National Nursing Assistants Week
June 14, 2026	Flag Day
June 17, 2026	Muharram
June 19, 2026	Juneteenth
June 21, 2026	First Day of Summer
June 21, 2026	Father's Day
June 25-July 1, 2026	Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week
June 26, 2026	Legalization of Same-Sex Marriage Anniversary
June 27, 2026	PTSD Awareness Day
June 27, 2026	National HIV Testing Day (NHTD)
June 28, 2026	Stonewall Riots Anniversary

July

Park and Recreation Month

UV Safety Month

July 4, 2026	Independence Day
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July 14, 2026	National Non-Binary Day
July 18, 2026	Nelson Mandela International Day (UN)
July 22, 2026	Tisha B'Av
July 26, 2026	Disability Independence Day
July 26, 2026	National Parents Day

August

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM)

Medic Alert Awareness Month

August 2, 2026	International Day of Friendship (UN)
August 2-8, 2026	National Health Center Week (NHCW)
August 4, 2026	National Night Out Against Crime
August 7, 2026	Purple Heart Day
August 9, 2026	International Day of the World's Indigenous People
August 21, 2026	Senior Citizens Day
August 25, 2026	Mawlid
August 26, 2026	National Dog Day
August 26, 2026	Ganesh Chaturthi
August 26, 2026	Women's Equality Day
August 28, 2026	Raksha Bandhan

September

Healthy Aging Month®

National Sickle Cell Awareness Month

Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness Month

National Recovery Month

National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

National Preparedness Month

National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Hispanic American Heritage Month (September 15 – October 15)

September 4, 2026	Janmashtami
September 7, 2026	Labor Day
September 10, 2026	World Suicide Prevention Day
September, 11, 2026	Anniversary of 9/11
September 11, 2026	Rosh Hashanah begins
September 13, 2026	Ganesh Chaturthi
September 13, 2026	Rosh Hashanah ends
September 13-19, 2026	Environmental Services and Housekeeping Week
September 13-19, 2026	National Assisted Living Week
September 13-19, 2026	Direct Support Professional Recognition Week
September 15, 2026	National IT Professionals Day
September 18, 2026	National POW/MIA Recognition Day
September 20-26, 2026	National Rehabilitation Awareness Week
September 20, 2026	Yom Kippur
September 22, 2026	Fall Equinox
September 24, 2026	National Women's Health and Fitness Day
September 25, 2026	World Pharmacist Day
September 25, 2026	Sukkot begins
September 27, 2026	National Family Health and Fitness Day

October

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Eye Injury Prevention Month

National Dental Hygiene Month

Residents' Rights Month

National Physical Therapy Month

Disability Employment Awareness Month

LGBTQ+ History Month

October 2, 2026	Dassahra
October 2, 2026	Sukkot ends
October 2-4, 2026	Shemini Atzeret
October 3, 2026	Simchat Torah
October 4-10, 2026	National Mental Illness Awareness Week
October 4-10, 2026	National Fire Prevention Week
October 4-10, 2026	Healthcare Foodservice Workers Week
October 5-9, 2026	Customer Service Week
October 10, 2026	World Mental Health Day
October 11, 2026	National Coming Out Day
October 11, 2026	Sharada Navratri begins
October 11-17, 2026	Case Management Week
October 12, 2026	Indigenous Peoples' Day
October 12, 2026	Columbus Day
October 15, 2026	Global Handwashing Day
October 16, 2026	Boss's Day
October 18-24, 2026	National Healthcare Quality Week
October 18, 2026	Sweetest Day
October 20, 2026	Diwali
October 20-24, 2026	National Health Education Week (NHEW)
October 20, 2026	Sharada Navratri ends
October 21, 2026	International Pronouns Day

October 24, 2026	Make a Difference Day
October 26, 2026	Intersex Awareness Day
October 26-November 1, 2026	National Respiratory Care Week
October 31, 2026	Halloween

November

C. diff Awareness Month

National Family Caregivers Month

National Home Health Care Month

National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

National Hospice and Palliative Care Month

American Diabetes Month (ADM)

Native American Heritage Month

November 1-2, 2026	Dia de los Muertos
November 1, 2026	Daylight Savings End
November 3, 2026	Election Day
November 10-16, 2026	National Nurse Practitioner Week
November 11, 2026	Veterans' Day
November 14, 2026	World Diabetes Day
November 20, 2026	Transgender Day of Remembrance
November 19, 2026	The Great American Smokeout Day
November 26, 2026	Thanksgiving
November 27, 2026	Black Friday
November 28, 2026	Small Business Saturday
November 30, 2026	Cyber Monday

December

December 1, 2026	World AIDS Day
December 1, 2026	Rosa Parks Day
December 1, 2026	Giving Tuesday
December 3, 2026	International Day of Disabled Persons
December 4, 2026	National Cookie Day
December 4-12, 2026	Hanukkah
December 6-12, 2026	National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW)
December 6, 2026	St Nicholas' Day
December 7, 2026	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
December 10, 2026	Human Rights Day
December 21, 2026	Winter Solstice
December 24, 2026	Christmas Eve
December 25, 2026	Christmas Day
December 26, 2026	Kwanzaa begins
December 26, 2026	Boxing Day
December 31, 2026	New Year's Eve