

National Observances and Commemorative Months

- **Black History Month** (February) ~ Black History Month in February celebrates the contributions that Black Americans have made to American history in their struggles for freedom and equality and deepens our understanding of our Nation's history.
- **Women's History Month** (March) ~ Women's History Month honors and celebrates the struggles and achievements of American women throughout the history of the United States.
- **Child Abuse Prevention Month** (April) ~ National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to strengthen families to prevent child abuse and neglect. Through this collaboration, prevention services and supports help protect children and produce thriving families.
- **Older Americans Month** (May) ~ Older Americans Month recognizes our nation's seniors and the tremendous impact they have made in helping build a more perfect union. Older Americans contribute their time and wisdom to make our communities stronger, more informed and better connected.
- **Asian Pacific Heritage Month** (May) ~ Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month is a month to celebrate the contributions Asian/Pacific Americans have made to American history, society and culture.
- **Jewish American Heritage Month** (May) ~ Jewish American Heritage Month is a month to celebrate the contributions Jewish Americans have made to America since they first arrived in New Amsterdam in 1654.
- **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month** (June) ~ Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month commemorates the events of June 1969 and works to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity for LGBTQ Americans.
- **Juneteenth** (June 19) ~ Juneteenth commemorates an effective end of slavery in the United States. Juneteenth (short for "June Nineteenth") marks the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed.
- **National Hispanic Heritage Month** (September 15 - October 15) ~ National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates and recognizes the contributions Hispanic Americans have made to American society and culture and to honor five of our Central American neighbors who celebrate their Independence days in September.
- **Constitution Week** (September 17-23) ~ The United States Constitution, America's most important document, stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties, freedom and unalienable rights. Constitution Week is celebrated annually during the week of September 17-23 to commemorate its history and importance and bring attention to how it serves still today.
- **National Disability Employment Awareness Month** (October) ~ National Disability Employment Awareness Month celebrates the accomplishments in the workplace of

persons with disabilities and reaffirms the commitment to ensuring equal employment opportunities to all citizens.

- **Indigenous People's Day** (October) ~ Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated on the *second Monday of October* to honor the cultures and histories of the Native American people. The day is centered around reflecting on their tribal roots and the tragic stories that hurt but strengthened their communities.
- **Native American Heritage Month** (November) ~ National Native American Heritage Month celebrates and recognizes the accomplishments of the peoples who were the original inhabitants, explorers and settlers of the United States.
- **Human Rights Day** (December 10) ~ Human Rights Day is observed each year to commemorate the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948.