

## Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Awareness Commission Holiday Worksheet



Friday, October 15, 2021

#	Month	Date	Holiday	Description	Type Of Holiday	Holidays With Celebrations /	
						Events At Library	Other Notes
1	August	August 9th	International Day of the World's Indigenous People		Cultural		
2	August	August 9th	Hijri New Year (Muslim)		Religious		
3	August	August 17th	Marcus Garvey Day (Jamaican)		Cultural		
4	August	August 19th	World Humanitarian Day		Secular		
5	August	August	Back to School			Yes	
6	September	September	Hispanic Heritage Month		Cultural	Yes	
7	September	September	National Guide Dog Month		Unofficial		
8	September	September 6th	Labor Day		Secular	Yes	
9	September	September 7th	Rosh Hashanah begins (Jewish)		Religious		
10	September	September 11th	Patriot's Day	(remembrance of 9/11)		Yes	
11	September	September 16th	Yom Kippur (Jewish)	(begins sundown September 15)	Religious		
12	September	September 16th	Mexican Independence Day		Cultural		
13	October	October	Filipino-American Heritage Month		Cultural		
14	October	October	Italian-American Heritage Month		Cultural		
15	October	October	Polish-American Heritage Month		Cultural		
16	October	October 10th	World Mental Health Day		Other		
17	October	October 11th	National Native American Day		Cultural		
18	October	October 15th	Dussehra (Hindu)		Religious		
19	October	October 19th	Eid Milad ul-Nabi (Muslim)		Religious		
	October	October 17th-23rd	Character Counts Week	Celebrate good character, highlight character education		Yes	
20	October	October 31st	Halloween, Día de los Muertos begins		Cultural	Yes	
21	November	November	Movember	(awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer)	Unofficial		
22	November	November	ational Native American, American Indian, and Alaskan Native Heritage Month		Cultural		
23	November	November 4th	Diwali (Hindu)		Religious		
24	November	November 11th	Veterans Day			Yes	
25	November	November 25th	Thanksgiving		Secular	Yes	
26	November	November 28th	Hanukkah begins (Jewish)		Religious	Yes	
27	December	December 1st	World AIDS Day				
28	December	December 3rd	International Day for People with Disabilities				
29	December	December 10th	International Human Rights Day		Secular		
30	December	December 21st	Yule Winter Solstice (Pagan)		Religious	Yes	
31	December	December 25th	Christmas (Christian)		Religious	Yes	
32	December	December 26th	Kwanzaa begins		Religious	Yes	
33	December	December 31st	New Year's Eve				
34	January	January 1st	New Year's Day			Yes	
35	January	January 4th	National Braille Day				
36	January	January 17th	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day			Yes	
37	January	January 18th	Mahayana New Year (Buddhist)		Religious		
38	February	February	Black History Month		Cultural	Yes	
39	February	February 1st	Chinese New Year	(Year of the Ox)	Cultural		
40	February	February 14th	Valentine's Day		Secular	Yes	
41	February	February 15th	Presidents' Day (U.S.A.)			Yes	
42	March	March	Women's History Month		Secular	Yes	
43	March	March	Greek-American Heritage Month		Cultural		
44	March	March	Irish-American Heritage Month		Cultural	Yes	
45	March	March 1st	Mardi Gras				
46	March	March 2nd	Ash Wednesday		Religious		
47	March	March 8th	International Women's Day		Secular		

48	March	March 17th	St. Patrick's Day		Secular		
49	March	March 19th	Holi (Hindu)		Religious		
50	April	April	Arab-American Heritage Month		Cultural		
51	April	April	Earth Month		Secular		
52	April	April	Tartan (Scottish-American) Heritage Month		Cultural		
53	April	April 2nd	Good Friday (Christian)		Religious		
54	April	April 4th	Easter (Christian)		Religious	Yes	
55	April	April 10th	Palm Sunday (Christian)		Religious		
56	April	April 12th	Ramadan begins (Muslim)		Religious		
57	April	April 16th	Passover begins (Jewish)		Religious		
58	April	April 21st	Start of Rivdan (Baha'i)		Religious		
59	April	April 22nd	Earth Day		Secular	Yes	
60	April	April 29th	Laylat al-Qadr (Muslim)		Religious		
61	May	May	Haitian Heritage Month		Cultural		
62	May	May	Indian Heritage Month		Cultural		
63	May	May	Jewish-American Heritage Month		Cultural		
64	May	May	Mental Health Month				
65	May	May	National Asian American and South Pacific Islander Heritage Month		Cultural	Yes	
66	May	May	South Asian American Heritage Month		Cultural		
67	May	May 2nd	Eid al-Fitr (Muslim)		Religious		
68	May	May 5th	Cinco de Mayo		Cultural	Yes	
69	May	May 8th	Mother's Day			Yes	
70	May	May 11th	Ramadan ends (Muslim)		Religious		
71	May	May 16th	Vesak (Buddhist)		Religious		
72	May	May 22nd	Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i)		Religious		
73	May	May 31st	Memorial Day			Yes	
74	June	June	Immigrant Heritage Month				
75	June	June	National Caribbean American Heritage Month		Cultural		
76	June	June	Pride Month (LGBTQIAA+)			Yes	
77	June	June 19th	Juneteenth		Cultural	Yes	
78	June	June 19th	Father's Day		Other	Yes	
79	June	June 21st	National Indigenous Peoples Day		Cultural		
80	July	July	French-American Heritage Month		Cultural		
81	July	July 4th	Independence Day		Secular	Yes	
82	July	July 9th	Eid al-Adha (Muslim)		Religious		
83	July	July 14th	Bastille Day		Cultural		
84	July	July 18th	International Nelson Mandela Day		Other		
85	July	July 26th	National Disability Independence Day	(also anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act)	Other		
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Friday, January 1, 2021	New Years Day				
Monday, January 4, 2021	National Braille Day	We celebrate World Braille Day every year on January 4th because it's Louis Braille's birthday. He's the inventor of braille! Louis was born in 1809 in France and became blind after a childhood accident. But, he quickly mastered his new way of living. When Louis was only 15 years old, he created a reading and writing system based on Charles Barbier's night writing system. We know Louis' system today as braille. Adjusted over time, braille is now easier to read and used all over the world!	<a href="https://brailleworks.com/what-is-world-braille-day/">https://brailleworks.com/what-is-world-braille-day/</a>		
Sunday, January 17, 2021	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day				
Monday, January 18, 2021	Mahayana New Year (Buddhist)	Mahayana Buddhists celebrate the new year by honoring and praying for Buddha and other deities. Every Buddhist is expected to visit a nearby temple to light candles which are believed to bring happiness and good luck for the commencing year. Songs are sung as an offering to deities while statues of Buddha are washed as a sign of respect. Mahayana Buddhism is the largest sub-division of the Buddhist religion. Mahayana Buddhists believe enlightenment can be acquired during one's lifetime. They also believe that not only nuns and monks can achieve it, but also ordinary Buddhists.	<a href="https://www.worldreligionnews.com/?p=58792">Read more at World Religion News: "New Year Traditions of Mahayana Buddhism"</a> <a href="https://www.worldreligionnews.com/?p=58792">https://www.worldreligionnews.com/?p=58792</a>		
FEBRUARY					
Black History Month					
Monday, February 1, 2021	Chinese New Year				
Sunday, February 14, 2021	Valentine's Day				
Monday, February 15, 2021	President's Day (US)				
MARCH					
Women's History Month					
Greek-American Heritage Month					
Irish-American Heritage Month					
Monday, March 1, 2021	Mardi Gras				
Tuesday, March 2, 2021	Ash Wednesday				
Monday, March 8, 2021	International Women's Day				
Wednesday, March 17, 2021	St. Patrick's Day				
Friday, March 19, 2021	Holi (Hindu)				

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March	Women's History Month	Women's History Month celebrates the contributions women have made to the United States and recognizes the specific achievements women have made over the course of American history in a variety of fields.	<a href="https://womenshistorymonth.gov/">https://womenshistorymonth.gov/</a>		
March	Greek American Heritage Month	Greek American Heritage Month, also known as Hellenic Heritage Month or Greek American History Month, coincides with the celebration of Greece's National Greek Independence Day on March 25th.	<a href="https://www.nationalhellenicsociety.org/">https://www.nationalhellenicsociety.org/</a>		
March	Irish American Heritage Month	Irish-American Heritage Month was first celebrated by proclamation of the President in 1991. It seemed natural to choose March (Saint Patrick's Day falls on March 17) for the month-long recognition of the contributions that Irish immigrants and their descendants have made to U.S. society.	<a href="https://nationaltoday.com/irish-american-heritage-month/">https://nationaltoday.com/irish-american-heritage-month/</a>		
March 1st	Mardi Gras	Mardi Gras is a Christian holiday and popular cultural phenomenon that dates back thousands of years to pagan spring and fertility rites. Also known as Carnival or Carnaval, it's celebrated in many countries around the world—mainly those with large Roman Catholic populations—on the day before the religious season of Lent begins. Brazil, Venice and New Orleans play host to some of the holiday's most famous public festivities, drawing thousands of tourists and revelers every year.	<a href="https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/mardi-gras">https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/mardi-gras</a>		
March 2nd	Ash Wednesday	Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is always 46 days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a 40-day season that represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.	<a href="https://www.christianity.com/church/church-life/what-is-ash-wednesday-why-do-christians-celebrate-it.html">https://www.christianity.com/church/church-life/what-is-ash-wednesday-why-do-christians-celebrate-it.html</a>		
March 8th	International Women's Day	International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality.	<a href="https://www.internationalwomensday.com/About">https://www.internationalwomensday.com/About</a>		
March 17th	St. Patrick's Day	St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of St. Patrick's death in the fifth century. St. Patrick is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. St. Patrick's Day falls during the Christian season of Lent. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.	<a href="https://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day/history-of-st-patricks-day">https://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day/history-of-st-patricks-day</a>		
March 19th	Holi	Holi is the festival of colors. Holi has a long tradition of being celebrated in India. People celebrate the festival with the burning of demon Holika with the protection of Prahlada by Lord Vishnu. The festival commemorates the victory of good over evil.	<a href="https://www.lih.travel/history-of-holi/">https://www.lih.travel/history-of-holi/</a>		