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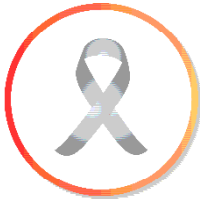
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June 2025 Cultural Heritage Highlights

NATIONAL
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AWARENESS MONTH

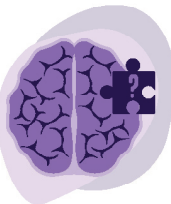


Aphasia Awareness Month

Aphasia Awareness Month is a time to raise awareness of the language disorder and to recognize people who live with or care for people with Aphasia. Aphasia is a communication disorder that can affect speech, writing, and the ability to understand written and spoken language. Did you know that 40% of stroke survivors have Aphasia soon after a stroke?

Find out more:

[What Types of Aphasia Are There and What Causes it?](#)



Alzheimer's
and
Brain
Awareness
Month

Global Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month

Alzheimer's is the most common cause of dementia, a general term for memory loss and other cognitive abilities serious enough to interfere with daily life. Alzheimer's disease accounts for 60-80% of dementia cases. Alzheimer's is not a normal part of aging.

Find out more:

[Improve Cognitive Health During Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month](#)



LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. The Stonewall Uprising was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. In the United States, the last Sunday in June was initially celebrated as "Gay Pride Day," but the actual day was flexible. In major cities across the nation, the "day" soon grew to encompass a month-long series of events. Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts, and LGBTQ Pride Month events that attract millions of participants around the world. Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally.

Find out more:

[The History of Pride Month](#)



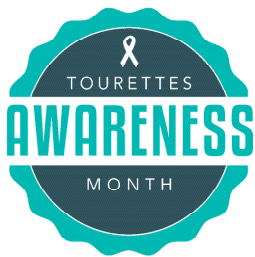
**CARIBBEAN
AMERICAN**
HERITAGE MONTH
— JUNE —

NATIONAL CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN MONTH

Every June, we celebrate Caribbean-American Heritage Month, recognizing the great historical contributions of various peoples whose roots can be traced to the countries that make up the Caribbean subregion of the Americas. After the success of an advocacy campaign launched in 2004, Caribbean-American Heritage Month was recognized for the first time on a federal level on June 5, 2006, when then-President George W. Bush issued a presidential proclamation to establish the month of June as a time to “celebrate the great contributions of Caribbean-Americans to the fabric of our Nation, and to pay tribute to the common culture and bonds of friendship that unite the United States and the Caribbean countries.”

Find out more:

[Overview of Caribbean American Heritage Month](#)

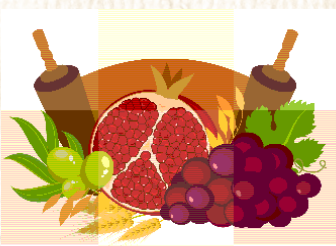


Tourette's Awareness Month

Tourette's syndrome is an inherited neurological illness characterized by many physical tics and at least one phonic tic that manifests in infancy or adolescence. Jean-Martin Charcot was awarded the term on behalf of his intern, Georges Albert Édouard Brutus Gilles de la Tourette, a French physician and neurologist who published a report on nine patients with Tourette's in 1885. Tourette's was first identified as a neurological illness in 1972, but since the 1990s, a more neutral perspective of the disorder has emerged in which biological vulnerability and bad environmental experiences combine.

Find out more:

[What is Tourette Syndrome?](#)



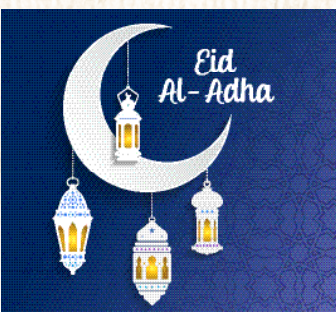
Happy
SHAVUOT

June 1-3 – Shavuot

Shavuot (also pronounced Shavuot) is a two-day Jewish holiday that commemorates the date when God gave the Torah to the Jewish people at Mount Sinai over 3,000 years ago. Preceded by 49 days of counting in eager anticipation, Shavuot is celebrated through desisting from work, candle-lit dinners, staying up all night to study the Torah, listening to the reading of the Ten Commandments in the synagogue, enjoying dairy foods and other festivities.

Find out more:

[Shavuot 101](#)



June 6-10 – Eid al-Adha

Eid al-Adha begins the evening of Friday, June 6 and ends on Tuesday, June 10. Eid al-Adha (also spelled Eid ul-Adha) is a Muslim holiday that revolves around the concept of sacrifice. The holiday's name is Arabic and translates as Festival or Feast of Sacrifice.

Find out more:

[What is Eid ul-Adha?](#)



Happy
FLAG DAY
JUNE 14

June 14 – Flag Day

We all know the American flag, but how did it come about? Explore the origins of the flag and the history of why we celebrate it on Flag Day with this fun, short video.

Find out more:

PBS video: [All About Flag Day](#)



June 15 – Father's Day

Father's Day is an annual holiday honoring people's fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. It was first proposed by Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, in 1909. It is currently celebrated in the United States annually on the third Sunday in June.

Find out more:

[The History of Father's Day](#)

PBS video: [Father's Day](#)



June 18 – International Day for Countering Hate Speech

In July 2021, the UN General Assembly highlighted global concerns over “the exponential spread and proliferation of hate speech” around the world and adopted a [resolution](#) on “promoting inter-religious and intercultural dialogue and tolerance in countering hate speech”. The resolution recognizes the need to counter discrimination, xenophobia and hate speech and calls on all relevant actors, including States, to increase their efforts to address this phenomenon, in line with international human rights law.

Find out more:

[What is Hate Speech and Why is it a Problem?](#)



June 19 – JUNETEENTH

On Thursday, June 19, the United States will observe Juneteenth also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Liberation Day, and Emancipation Day. Juneteenth is a federal holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States. While there isn't a specific official theme for Juneteenth 2025, the holiday's core themes of freedom, resilience, and the legacy of the struggle for equality will likely be central to celebrations.

Find out more:

[The Historical Legacy of Juneteenth](#)

[Overview of Juneteenth](#)



June 26 – Islamic New Year

The Islamic New Year, also known as the Arabic New Year or Hijri New Year, is the first day of Muharram, the first month in the Islamic calendar. The first year of this calendar began in Gregorian CE 622 when the Prophet Muhammad emigrated from Mecca to Medina with his companions. In the Islamic calendar, days begin at sunset. The event falls on a different day every year because the Islamic year is 11 to 12 days shorter. As rituals and prayers mark the occasion, Muharram is known as the month of remembrance and is sacred to Muslims across the world.

Find out more:

[Learn All About Islamic New Year](#)

