

2015 Diversity Calendar

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We ask for your patience in the event that we have missed any important dates that meet the criteria. If you know of another date that meets the above criteria and should be included or if there is a date listed that does not meet the criteria and should not be included, please contact the Office of Affirmative Action, Compliance and Diversity at (718) 289-5100, x3494.

Additional Information

We welcome your input. If you know of additional resources, please let us know. Conversely, please inform us of any websites that we may have chosen to explain a particular day which may be culturally insensitive.

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January 2015		
Date	Diversity Event	Related Ethnicity
1	New Years Day	World Wide
4	** Milad un Nabi <i>(birth of the Prophet Muhammad)</i>	Islamic
6	Día de los Reyes <i>(Three Kings Day/Epiphany)</i>	Mexico/Puerto Rico/Dominican Republic
8	** Milad un Nabi-Shia	Islamic
14	Makar Sankrant	Hindu
19	Martin Luther King Day	USA
21	Our Lady of Altagracia Day	Dominican Republic
February 2015 "African American (Black) History Month"		
Date	Diversity Event	Related Ethnicity
1-27	Las Fiestas de los Carnavales <i>(Carnival Parties)</i>	Puerto Rico/ Dominican Republic
2	Imbolc	Pagan
4	* Tu B'Shevat	Jewish
12	Lincoln's Birthday	USA
14	Valentine's Day <i>Be mindful that everyone does not celebrate Valentine's Day</i>	International
16	President's Day	USA
18	Ash Wednesday	Christian
19	Day of Remembrance	USA
19	Lunar New Year <i>(Year of the Goat)</i>	China, Taiwan, Vietnam, Singapore, Korea
23	Orthodox Lent	Christian
27	Independence Day	Dominican Republic

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March 2015 "National Women's History Month"		
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March & April	Lenten Season <i>Many Filipino families return to the Philippines during this time.</i>	Christian
4	* Purim	Jewish
9	International Women's Day	International
17	Maha Shivratri	Hindu
17	St. Patrick's Day	Irish
20	Ostara	Pagan
20/21	Nowruz <i>Persian New Year</i>	Iranian, Bahá'í
21	International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination	International
29	Palm Sunday	Christian/Orthodox
29-4/4	Holy Week	Christian
31	Cesar Chavez Day	USA
April 2015 "Cultural Diversity Month"		
Date	Diversity Event	Related Ethnicity
3	Good Friday	Christian/Orthodox
4-11	* Pesch/Passover	Jewish
5	Easter Sunday	Christian
6	National Tartan Day	Scottish American
12	Orthodox Easter	Eastern Orthodox
13-16	Bun Pi Mai -New Year	Laotian
14	Baisakhi <i>(Sikh New Year)</i>	Sikh
16	* Holocaust Remembrance Day	International
17	National Day of Silence	LGBTQ and Allies
21	First Day of Ridvan	Bahá'í
29	Ninth Day of Ridvan	Bahá'í

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May 2015 "Asian American and South Pacific Islander Heritage Month"		
Date	Diversity Event	Related Ethnicity
1	May Day (<i>International Worker's Day</i>)	International
1	Beltane's Day	Pagan
2	Twelfth Day of Ridvan	Bahá'í
4	Vesak	Buddhist
5	Cinco de Mayo	USA/Mexico
10	Mother's Day (Mexico) <i>Mother's Day (always May 10th in Mexico) is very important for Mexican families.</i>	USA/Mexico
23	Declaration of the Báb	Bahá'í
24-25	* Shavuot	Jewish
25	Memorial Day Holiday	USA
29	Ascension of Baha'u'llah	Bahá'í
31	Mother's Day (Dominican)	Dominican Republic
June 2015 "Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Pride Month"		
Date	Diversity Event	Related Ethnicity
June	LGBT Pride	USA
4	Corpus Christi Day	Catholic
8	Pentecost	Christian
12	Filipino Independence Day	Filipino
18-7/17	Ramadan	Islamic
19	Juneteenth	African American
21	Father's Day	USA
21	Summer Solstice	Pagan

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July 2015		
Date	Diversity Event	Related Ethnicity
2	Dharma Day	Buddhist
4	Independence Day	USA
13	** Laila al-Qadr	Islamic
26	* Tisha B'Av	Jewish
31	Father's Day (Dominican)	Dominican Republic

August 2015		
Date	Diversity Event	Related Ethnicity
6	Hiroshima Day	Japanese
15	Obon	Japanese, Buddhist
15	Assumption of Mary	Christian
16	Restoration Day	Dominican Republic
20-9/8	Asma	Bahá'í
28	Ullambana	Buddhist
29	Raksha Bandham	Hindu

September 2015 "National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month (September 15 th – October 15 th)"		
Date	Diversity Event	Related Ethnicity
5	Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu
6	Father's Day	Australia & New Zealand
7	Labor Day	USA
11	Patriot Day <i>(in memory of those who died on 9/11)</i>	USA
11	Enkutatash (New Year)	Ethiopia
13	Grandparents Day	USA

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14-15	*Rosh Hashanah (New Year)	Jewish
16	Mexican Independence Day	Mexico
17	Constitution Day	Dominican Republic
17	Citizenship Day	USA
17	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hindu
18	Paryushan-Parva	Jainism
21	International Day of Peace	International
22-23	*Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	Jewish
23	Autumn Equinox	Pagan
23-24	**Eid-al-Adha	Islamic
24	Our Lady of Mercedes Day	Dominican Republic
25	National Native American Day	USA
27	Moon Festival Vietnam China	Vietnam, Hong Kong, China, Taiwan
27-10/4	*Sukkot	Jewish

October 2015 “National Disability Employment Awareness Month” “Filipino American History Month” “LGBT History Month”		
Date	Diversity Event	Related Ethnicity
2	Mohandas K. Gandhi Birthday	Indian
5	*Shemini Atzeret	Jewish
6	*Simchat Torah	Jewish
11	Coming Out Day	USA
12	Dia de la Raza	Latin American, Mexican
13	Columbus Day	USA
13-21	*Navratri	Indian
14-11/12	**Muharram (Islamic New Year)	Islamic
20	Birth of the Bab	Bahá’í
22	Dussehra	Hindu
23	**Ashura	Islamic

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31	Halloween	USA
31	Samhain	Celtic

November 2015 "National American Indian (Native American) Heritage Month"		
Date	Diversity Event	Related Ethnicity
1	All Saints Day	Anglican & Roman Catholic
1	Dia de los Muertos (All Souls Day)	Mexico
11	Veteran's Day	USA
11	Diwali	Hindu, Jainism, Sikh and Buddhist
12	Birth of Baha'u'llah	Bahá'í
25	Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Birthday	Sikh, Hindu
26	Thanksgiving	USA

December 2015		
Date	Diversity Event	Related Ethnicity
7-14	* Chanukkah	Jewish
8	Bodhi Day	Buddhist
8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Catholic
12	Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe	Mexico/Catholic
16-24	Simbang Gabi (Christmas)	Filipino/Catholic
16-24	Las Posadas	Mexico
21	Winter Solstice/ Yule	Pagan
25	Christmas	USA
Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, 2014	Kwanzaa	African American

*Jewish holidays begin at sunset the night before, and go to sunset of the following day.

**Muslim holidays are based on actual sighting of the moon and therefore the day may vary.