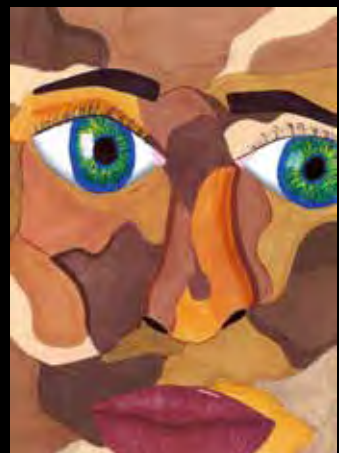


# POSITIVE IMPACT!

Artists Bring Us Together.

**ADL**<sup>®</sup>  
MOUNTAIN STATES



2023 CALENDAR

**NO place for HATE**  
An ADL Education Program

# About this Calendar and Resource Guide

# Acerca de este Calendario y Guía de Recursos



Since 1941, ADL's Mountain States Regional Office has worked tirelessly to stop all forms of bigotry and prejudice in Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming to fulfill ADL's mission "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all." Thank you to our generous sponsors for our 2023 *Positive Impact!* Calendar.

Each month highlights ADL's No Place for Hate® Student Art Contest winners from 2021 and 2022, which expresses their ideas and emotions, with shapes, color, style and movement, of empowerment, diversity, strength and action. ADL's No Place for Hate® program provides K-12 schools with an organizing framework to combat bullying and bias, empower students and staff to work together to find short and long-term solutions to foster and maintain a positive school culture. Creating sustainable, positive change in a school community is a continual process rather than a final destination.

Thank *you* for your continued support of ADL and our commitment to create more inclusive communities, classrooms and workplaces by proactively combating bias and bullying.

*"Our NPFH Coalition were the major change agents for school climate and provided a venue for students to become leaders working with staff, students, and our entire school community."* – Middle School Educator



Desde 1941, la Oficina Regional de los Estados Montañosos de la ADL ha trabajado incansablemente para combatir todas las formas de intolerancia y prejuicio en Colorado, Nuevo México y Wyoming y así cumplir con la misión de la ADL de "detener la difamación del pueblo judío y garantizar la justicia y el trato justo para todos". Gracias a los generosos patrocinadores de nuestro Calendario *¡Impacto positivo* 2023!

Cada mes destaca a los ganadores del Concurso de Arte Estudiantil No Place for Hate® de la ADL en 2021 y 2022, quienes expresan sus ideas y emociones — con formas, color, estilo y movimiento — sobre el empoderamiento, la diversidad, la fuerza y la acción. El programa No Place for Hate® de la ADL proporciona a las escuelas K-12 un marco organizativo para combatir la intimidación y los prejuicios, empoderar a los estudiantes y al personal para que trabajen juntos en la búsqueda de soluciones a corto y largo plazo para fomentar y mantener una cultura escolar positiva. La creación de un cambio sostenible y positivo en una comunidad escolar es un proceso continuo, no un destino final.

Gracias por su continuo apoyo a la ADL y nuestro compromiso de crear comunidades, aulas y lugares de trabajo más inclusivos combatiendo proactivamente los prejuicios y la intimidación.

*"Nuestra Coalición con NPFH fue el principal agente de cambio para el ambiente escolar y proporcionó un lugar para que los estudiantes se conviertan en líderes trabajando con el personal, los estudiantes y toda nuestra comunidad escolar."*—Educador de secundaria

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



# JANUARY 2023



SUN

MON

TUES

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

**1**



**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**2**

**3**

**4**

**5**



**GURU GOBIND SINGH JI'S BIRTHDAY** Sikh

**6**



**EPIPHANY** Christian

**CHRISTMAS** Armenian Orthodox Christian

**7**

**CHRISTMAS** Eastern Christian

**MAHAYANA NEW YEAR** Buddhist

**8**

**9**

**10**


**11**

**12**

**13**

**14**

**15**



**MAKAR SANKRANTI** Hindu

**16**



**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**

**17**

**18**

**19**

**20**

**21**

**NO NAME-CALLING WEEK** January 16-20



**22**

**23**

**24**

**25**

**26**

**27**



**UN HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY**

**28**

**29**

**30**

**31**

**DECEMBER 2022**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**FEBRUARY 2023**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

*"My perspective is one full of empathy and love."*

*—Jordan Casteel*





# Student Art Contest Winners



High School (9th-12th grade) – First Place 2022  
Title: *Community Garden*  
Jennifer Z., 9th Grade, KIPP Northeast Denver Leadership Academy (Denver, Colorado)



High School (9th-12th grade) – First Place 2021  
Title: *Diversity is Our Strength*  
Melina F., 10th Grade, Boulder High School (Boulder, Colorado)

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY

**S&P Global** Foundation

# FEBRUARY 2023



SUN

MON

TUES

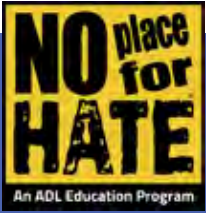
WED

THU

FRI

SAT

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<p><b>JANUARY 2023</b></p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p>26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p><b>MARCH 2023</b></p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>29 30 31</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>BLACK HISTORY MONTH</b> Feb. 1-28</p> <p><b>NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p>  <p><b>LUNAR NEW YEAR</b> Confucian, Daoist and Buddhist</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>  <p><b>TU B'SHVAT</b> Jewish</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>  <p><b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>  <p><b>SUSAN B. ANTHONY DAY</b></p> <p><b>NIRVANA DAY</b> Buddhist</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>  <p><b>MAHA SHIVARATRI</b> Hindu</p>
<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>  <p><b>PRESIDENTS' DAY</b></p> <p><b>WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>SHROVE TUESDAY</b> Western Christian</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Western Christian</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> <b>28</b></p> <p><b>AYYÁM-I-HA OR INTERCALARY DAYS</b> (Bahá'í) February 26-March 1</p>		<p><i>"You can't sit around and wait for somebody to say who you are. You need to write it and paint it and do it."</i> –Faith Ringgold</p> 			
	<p><b>CLEAN MONDAY</b> Eastern Orthodox Christian</p>					



# Student Art Contest Winners



Elementary (K-2nd grade) – First Place 2021  
Title: *Friends*  
Sienna R., 1st Grade, Lafayette Elementary (Lafayette, Colorado)



Elementary (K-2nd grade) – Second Place 2022  
Title: *Put a Little Love in Your Heart*  
Cora M., 1st Grade, Emerald Elementary (Broomfield, Colorado)

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY

**Barry & Gay Curtiss-Lusher and the Lusher and McQuade Families**

# MARCH 2023



SUN

MON

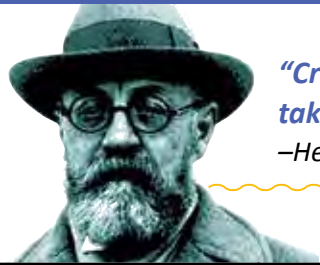
TUES

WED

THU

FRI

SAT



*“Creativity takes courage.”*  
—Henri Matisse

## FEBRUARY 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

**1**  
**NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**  
March 1-31



**2** **3** **4**  
**NINETEEN-DAY FAST (Bahá'í) March 2-20**

**5**

**6**  
**PURIM (Jewish) March 6-7**  
**MAGHA PUJA**  
Buddhist



**7**

**8**  
**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**  
**HOLA MOHALLA**  
Sikh

**9**

**10**

**11**

**12**

**13**

**14**

**15**

**16**

**17**  
  
**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**  
Christian

**18**

**19**

**20**  
  
**VERNAL EQUINOX**

**21**  
  
**HOLI** Hindu  
**NOWRÚZ** Zoroastrian  
**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION**

**22**

**23** **24** **25**  
  
**RAMADAN (Islamic) March 23-April 20**

**26**

**26**  
  
**KHORDAD SAL**  
Zoroastrian

**27**

**28**

**29**

**30**  
  
**RAMA NAVAMI**  
Hindu

**31**  
  
**CESAR CHAVEZ DAY**

**APRIL 2023**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						



# Student Art Contest Winners



Elementary (3rd-5th grade) – First Place 2021

Title: *Community Love*

Austyn C., 4th Grade, Sarah Milner Elementary (Loveland, Colorado)



Elementary (3rd-5th grade) – First Place 2022

Title: *We are All Human*

Emma S., 5th Grade, Upper Blue Elementary (Breckenridge, Colorado)

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY





# APRIL 2023



SUN

MON

TUES

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

*"I think works of art have the capability to give people a certain hope and passion and belief and conviction that nothing else can."* –Shirin Neshat



### MARCH 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

### MAY 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**1**  
**ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**  
**GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH**  
**NATIONAL POETRY MONTH** April 1-30

<p><b>2</b></p>  <p><b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Western Christian</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>THERAVADA NEW YEAR</b> Buddhist</p> <p><b>PASSOVER/PESACH</b> (Jewish) April 6-13</p> 	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Western Christian</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>9</b></p>  <p><b>EASTER</b> Western Christian</p> <p><b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Eastern Orthodox</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> Eastern Orthodox</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>VAISAKHI</b> Sikh</p> <p><b>DAY OF SILENCE</b></p>  <p><b>HOLY FRIDAY</b> Eastern Orthodox</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>PASCHA</b> Eastern Orthodox</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>  <p><b>LAILA AL-QADR</b> Islamic</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>YOM HASHOAH</b> Jewish</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>FESTIVAL OF RIDVÁN</b> (Bahá'í) April 21-May 2</p>  <p><b>EID AL-FITR</b> Islamic</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>  <p><b>ARMENIAN MARTYRS' DAY</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>



# Student Art Contest Winners



Middle School (6th-8th grade) – First Place 2021  
Title: *One Tree, Many Branches*  
Sabina C., 6th Grade, Albuquerque Academy (Albuquerque, New Mexico)



Middle School (6th-8th grade) – First Place 2022  
Title: *One Earth, Patched Together*  
Adi C., 8th Grade, Louisville Middle School (Louisville, Colorado)

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY

## Gerald and Roberta Quiat Family Foundation

# MAY 2023



SUN

MON

TUES

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

**APRIL 2023**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

**1** ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH May 1-31

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH May 1-31

INTERNATIONAL WORKER'S DAY

**2**

**3**



WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY

**4**

**5**



CINCO DE MAYO

VISAKHA PUJA Buddhist



**6**

**7**

**8**

**9**

LAG B'OMER Jewish

**10**

**11**

**12**

**13**

**14**



MOTHER'S DAY

**15**

**16**

**17**

**18**

**19**

**20**

**21**

WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY

**22**

**23**

**24**



DECLARATION OF THE BÁB Bahá'í

**25**

ASCENSION DAY Western Christian

ASCENSION DAY Eastern Orthodox

**26**



SHAVUOT (Jewish) May 26-27

**27**

**28**

PENTECOST Western Christian

**29**



MEMORIAL DAY

ASCENSION OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH Bahá'í

**30**

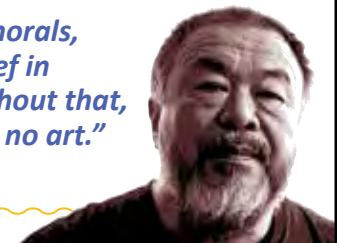
**31**

**JUNE 2023**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

*"Art is about morals, about our belief in humanity. Without that, there simply is no art."*

—Ai Weiwei

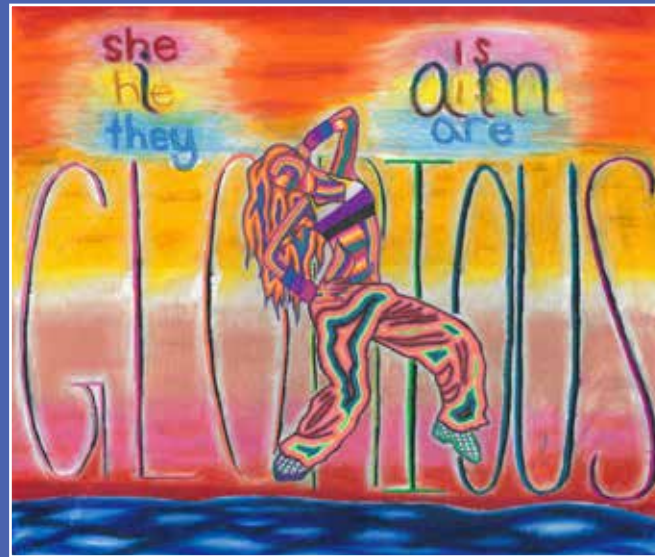




# Student Art Contest Winners



High School (9th-12th grade) – Second Place 2022  
Title: *The Color of Our World*  
Taylor R., 10th Grade, Boulder High School  
(Boulder, Colorado)



High School (9th-12th grade) – Second Place 2021  
Title: *All the Things I Am*  
Lucinda S., 12th Grade, Boulder High School  
(Boulder, Colorado)



High School (9th-12th grade) – Third Place 2021  
Title: *The All-Human Team*  
Alexander P., 12th Grade, Boulder High School  
(Boulder, Colorado)

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



# JUNE 2023



SUN

MON

TUES

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

*“Whether you succeed or not is irrelevant; there is no such thing. Making your unknown known is the important thing.” –Georgia O’Keeffe*



### MAY 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

1



**LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH** June 1-30

2

3

4

**PENTECOST**  
Eastern Orthodox

5



**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**

6

7

**ALL SAINTS’ DAY**  
Eastern Orthodox

8

9

10

11

12



**ANNE FRANK DAY**  
**LOVING DAY**

13

14



**FLAG DAY**

15

16

17

18



**FATHER’S DAY**

19



**JUNETEENTH**

20

**WORLD REFUGEE DAY**

21

**SUMMER SOLSTICE**



22

23

24

25

26

**ANNIVERSARY OF LEGALIZATION OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN THE U.S.**

27

28



**EID AL-ADHA**  
Islamic

29

30

### JULY 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



# Student Art Contest Winners



Elementary (K-2nd grade) – First Place 2022  
Title: *It's Okay to be Different*  
Sylvie P., 1st Grade, Flatirons Elementary (Boulder, Colorado)



Elementary (K-2nd grade) –Second Place 2021  
Title: *Peace*  
Sasha P., 2nd Grade, Coal Creek Elementary (Louisville, Colorado)

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY

## Raphael Levy Memorial Fund

# JULY 2023



SUN

MON

TUES

WED

THU

FRI

SAT



*“The responsibility of the artist is to make work that’s real and that’s reflective of something that’s true.”*  
—Andrew Okpeaha MacLean


### JUNE 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

### AUGUST 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

1

2	3  <b>DHARMA DAY</b> Buddhist	4  <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	5	6	7	8
9	10  <b>MARTYRDOM OF THE BÁB</b> Bahá'í	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20-21 <b>MUHARRAM</b> (Islamic) July 19-August 16		22
23 30	24 31	25	26  <b>AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) DAY</b>	27  <b>TISHA B'AV</b> Jewish	28 <b>ASHURA</b> Islamic	29



# Student Art Contest Winners



Elementary (3rd-5th grade) – Second Place 2022  
Title: *Diversity World*  
Itzel R., 4th Grade, Arrowhead Elementary (Aurora, Colorado)



Elementary (3rd-5th grade) – Second Place 2021  
Title: *It's Okay to be Different*  
Emma T., 3rd Grade, Lafayette Elementary (Lafayette, Colorado)

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY





# AUGUST 2023



SUN

MON

TUES

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

JULY 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

SEPTEMBER 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1 2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

10

11

12

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

13



ULLAMBANA (OBON) (Buddhist) August 13-15

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

SENIOR CITIZEN DAY

22

23

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE SLAVE TRADE AND ITS ABOLITION

24

25

26



WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

27

28

29

30



RAKSHA BANDHAN  
Hindu

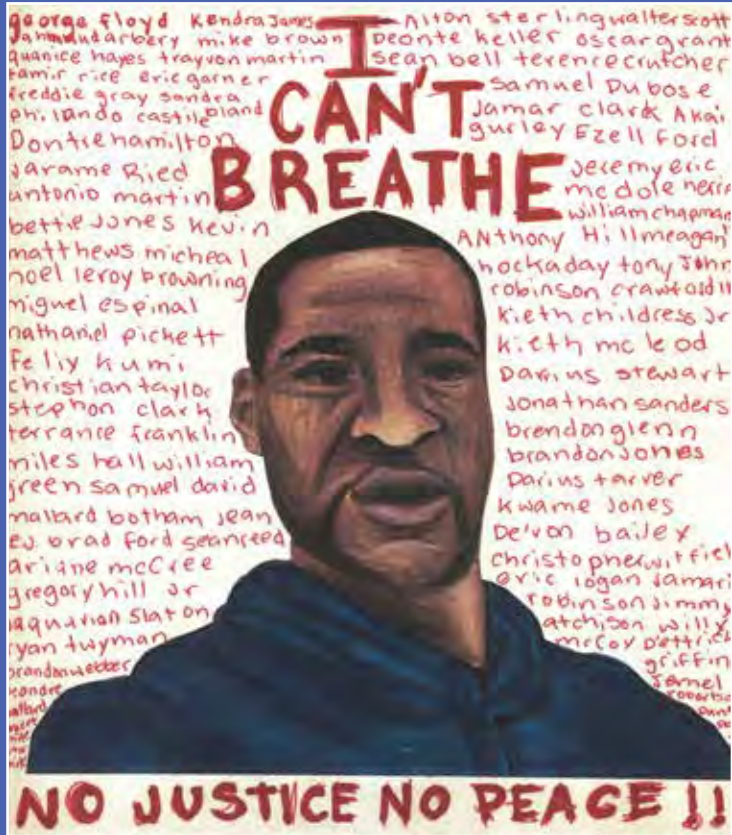
31



*"The power of art is the power to wake us up, strike us to our depths, and change us."* -Jhumpa Lahiri



# Student Art Contest Winners



Middle School (6th-8th grade) – Second Place 2021  
Title: *I Can't Breathe*  
Leah F., 8th Grade, McAuliffe Manual Middle (Denver, Colorado)



Middle School (6th-8th grade) – Second Place 2022  
Title: *Our Earth is No Place for Hate*  
Lily M., 8th Grade, Aurora Quest K-8 (Aurora, Colorado)

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY

**Elisa Moran & Gary Kleiman**

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



# SEPTEMBER 2023



SUN

MON

TUES

WED

THU

FRI

SAT



**AUGUST 2023**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**OCTOBER 2023**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

1

2

3



5

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHARITY



7



9

10

11

12

13

14

15

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH  
Sept. 15-Oct. 15



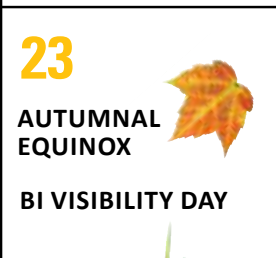
18



20

21

22



24



26

27

MAWLID AL-NABI  
Islamic (Sunni)

28

29

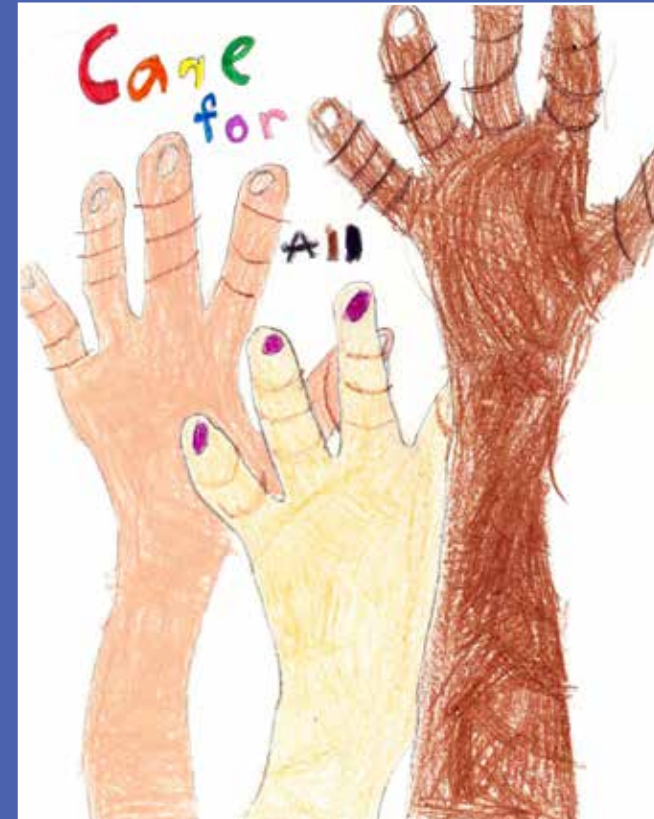




# Student Art Contest Winners



Elementary (K-2nd grade) – Third Place 2021  
Title: *Together*  
Beckett W., 1st Grade, Upper Blue Elementary (Breckenridge, Colorado)



Elementary (K-2nd grade) – Third Place 2022  
Title: *Care For All*  
Madeline B., 2nd Grade, Heatherwood Elementary (Boulder, Colorado)

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY

**GSR Fund, Greg S. Rosenblum and Family**

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY

**Rollie R. Kelley Family Foundation**

# OCTOBER 2023



SUN

MON

TUES

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

<p><b>1</b> NAT. DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH Oct. 1-31</p> <p><b>NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH</b> Oct. 1-31</p> <p><b>LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH</b> Oct. 1-31</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>WORLD TEACHER'S DAY</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>MAWLID AL-NABI</b> Islamic (Shi'a)</p> <p><b>SHEMINI ATZERET</b> Jewish</p>
<p><b>8</b></p>  <p><b>SIMCHAT TORAH</b> Jewish</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>  <p><b>INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY (NATIVE AMERICAN DAY)</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>  <p><b>COMING OUT DAY</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b> <b>16</b> <b>17</b> <b>18</b> <b>19</b> <b>20</b> <b>21</b></p>						
<p><b>NAVARATRI (Hindu) October 15-24</b></p>						
<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>  <p><b>BIRTH OF THE BÁB</b> Bahá'í</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>BIRTH OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH</b> Bahá'í</p> <p><b>INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>GUR-GADDI GURU GRANTH SAHIB</b> Sikh</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>  <p><b>DUSSEHRA/ DASSERA</b> Hindu</p> <p><b>UNITED NATIONS DAY</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>  <p><b>HALLOWEEN</b></p> <p><b>REFORMATION DAY</b> Christian</p>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER 2023</b></p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2</p> <p>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</p> <p>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p> <p>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p> <p>24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p><b>NOVEMBER 2023</b></p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p>26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p><i>"you can positively affect and change a social circumstance with art, and it's vital that a change happens now."</i> –Mos Def</p> 	



# Student Art Contest Winners



Elementary (3rd-5th grade) – Third Place 2021  
Title: *We Are Different Together*  
Isabelle V., 5th Grade, Coal Creek Elementary (Louisville, Colorado)



Elementary (3rd-5th grade) – Third Place 2022  
Title: *We're All Different Together*  
Adeline R., 4th Grade, Palmer Elementary (Denver, Colorado)

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



# NOVEMBER 2023



SUN

MON

TUES

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

**OCTOBER 2023**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

**DECEMBER 2023**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

**1**  
**NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH** Nov. 1-30  
**INTERNATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH** Nov. 1-30  
**ALL SAINTS' DAY** Western Christian

**2**   
**ALL SOULS' DAY**  
 Christian

**3**

**4**

**5**

**6**

**7**   
**ELECTION DAY**

**8**


**9**  
**KRISTALLNACHT** November 9-10

**10**

**11**   
**VETERANS' DAY**

**12**   
**DIWALI** Hindu  
**BANDI-CHHOR DIWAS** Sikh

**13**

**14**   
**AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK** November 13-17

**15**

**16**  
**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR TOLERANCE**

**17**

**18**

**19**

**20**   
**TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE**

**21**

**22**

**23**   
**THANKSGIVING DAY**

**24**

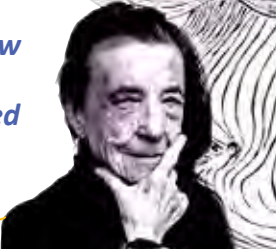
**25**

**26**  
**DAY OF THE COVENANT** Bahá'í

**27**  
**GURU NANAK DEV JI'S BIRTHDAY** Sikh

**28**

**29**

**30**  
*"An artist can show things that other people are terrified of expressing."*  
 —Louise Bourgeois 



# Student Art Contest Winners



Middle School (6th-8th grade) – Third Place 2021  
Title: *No Matter Who You Are*  
Madeline J., 6th Grade, Newton Middle School (Centennial, Colorado)



Middle School (6th-8th grade) – Third Place 2022  
Title: *Diversity is a Strength*  
Jillian L., 7th Grade, Timberview Middle School (Colorado Springs, Colorado)

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY

**S&P Global** Foundation



# DECEMBER 2023



SUN

MON

TUES

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

*"I definitely believe that art is the best way to produce social change."* –Pedro Reyes



### NOVEMBER 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

### JANUARY 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

1



WORLD AIDS DAY

2

3



**ADVENT**  
Western Christian

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

4

5

6

7

8

**CHANUKAH (Jewish) December 8-15**

**BODHI DAY**  
Buddhist



9

10

**HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**

11

12

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**  
Christian



13

14



15

**BILL OF RIGHTS DAY**



16

**CHANUKAH (Jewish) December 8-15**

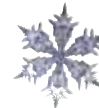
17

18

19

20

21



**WINTER SOLSTICE**

22

23

24

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Christian

31

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

25



**CHRISTMAS**  
Western Christian

26

27



**KWANZAA** December 26-January 1, 2024

28

29

**WOUNDED KNEE DAY**



30

# JANUARY 2024



SUN

MON

TUES

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

**DECEMBER 2023**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

1



**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

2

3

4

5

6

**EPIPHANY**  
Christian

**CHRISTMAS**  
Armenian Orthodox  
Christian

7



**CHRISTMAS**  
Eastern Christian

8

9

10

11

12

13

14



**MAKAR SANKRANTI** Hindu

15



**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S BIRTHDAY**

16



**NO NAME-CALLING WEEK** January 15-19

17

**GURU GOBIND SINGH JI'S BIRTHDAY** Sikh

18



**TU B'SHVAT**  
Jewish

**MAHAYANA NEW YEAR** Buddhist

19



20

21

22

23

24

25

**TU B'SHVAT**  
Jewish

**MAHAYANA NEW YEAR** Buddhist

26

27



**UN HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY**

28

29

30

31

**FEBRUARY 2024**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2 3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

*"A work of art is a screen of freedom."*

*-Christo*



# Calendar of **OBSERVANCES**



The increasingly pluralistic population of the United States is made up of many different ethnic, cultural, faith and religious communities. To enhance mutual understanding among groups and promote inclusive communities, the ADL offers this resource as a tool to increase awareness of and respect for religious obligations and ethnic and cultural festivities that may affect students, colleagues and neighbors in your community.

## RELIGIOUS OBSERVATIONS

The calendar includes significant religious observances of the major faiths represented in the United States. It can be used when planning school exam schedules and activities, workplace festivities and community events. **Note that Bahá'í, Jewish and Islamic holidays begin at sundown the previous day and end at sundown on the date listed.**

## NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAYS

The calendar notes U.S. holidays that are either legal holidays or observed in various states and communities throughout the country. Important national and international observances that may be commemorated in the U.S. are also included.

## CALENDAR SYSTEM

The dates of secular holidays are based on the Gregorian calendar, which is commonly used for civil dating purposes. Many religions and cultures follow various traditional calendar systems that are often based on the phases of the moon with occasional adjustments for the solar cycle. Therefore, specific Gregorian calendar dates for these observances will differ from year to year. In addition, calculation of specific dates may vary by geographical location and according to different sects within a religion.

**ADVENT (Christian) •** Advent is a season of spiritual preparation in observance of the birth of Jesus Christ. In Western Christianity, it starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. In Eastern Orthodox Christianity, the season is longer and begins in the middle of November.

**ALL SAINTS' DAY (Eastern Christian) •** In Orthodox churches observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost, it commemorates all known and unknown Christian saints.

**ALL SAINTS' DAY (Western Christian) •** Commemorates all known and unknown Christian saints. Eastern Christianity observes it on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

**ALL SOULS' DAY (Christian) •** Commemoration of all faithful Christians who are now dead. In Mexican tradition it is celebrated as *Día de los Muertos* between October 31 and November 2, and is an occasion to remember dead ancestors and celebrate the continuity of life.

**AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK •** Celebrates public education and honors individuals who are making a difference in ensuring every child in the U.S. receives a quality education.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) DAY •** Commemorates the 1990 signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which guarantees equal opportunity for people with disabilities.

**ANNE FRANK DAY •** Birthday of young Jewish girl whose diary describes her family's experiences hiding from the Nazis through assistance of Gentile friends.

**ANNIVERSARY OF LEGALIZATION OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN THE U.S. •** On June 26, 2015, in the case of *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the Supreme Court ruled that the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples.

**ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH •** Celebrates the Arab American heritage and culture and pays tribute to the contributions of Arab Americans and Arabic-speaking Americans.

**ARMENIAN MARTYRS' DAY •** Memorializes the genocide of approximately 1.5 million Armenians between 1915 and 1923 in Turkey.

**ASCENSION DAY (Western Christian) •** Also known as *Holy Thursday*, celebrated 40 days after Easter, it commemorates the ascension of Jesus into Heaven.

**ASCENSION DAY (Eastern Orthodox Christian) •** Also known as *Holy Ascension*, celebrated 40 days after Pascha, it commemorates the ascension of Jesus Christ into Heaven.

**ASCENSION OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH (Bahá'í) •** Observance of the anniversary of the death in exile of Bahá'u'lláh, the prophet-founder of the Bahá'í Faith.

**ASH WEDNESDAY (Western Christian) •** The first day of Lent for Western Christian churches, a 40-day period of spiritual preparation for Easter, not counting Sundays.

**ASHURA (Islamic) •** A day of fasting observed on the 10th day of the month of Muharram to celebrate Moses' exodus from Egypt. For Shi'a Muslims, it also marks the climax of the ten-day Remembrance of Muharram, which mourns the martyrdom of Hussein at the Battle of Kerbala.

**ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH •** Recognizes the contributions and celebrates the culture of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

**AUTUMNAL EQUINOX •** Marks the first day of the season of fall. The sun shines nearly equally on both hemispheres when it's fall in the Northern Hemisphere and simultaneously spring in the Southern Hemisphere.

**AYYÁM-I-HA OR INTERCALARY DAYS (Bahá'í) •** The Ayyám-i-ha, or "Days of Ha," are devoted to spiritual preparation for the fast, celebrating, hospitality, charity and gift giving. They are celebrated the four days, five in leap year, before the last month of the Bahá'í year by inserting days into the calendar in order to maintain their solar calendar.

**BANDI-CHHOR DIWAS (Sikh) •** A commemorative occasion having no fixed date which occurs in October or November and celebrates the release of the Sixth Guru Har Gobind Sahib from imprisonment and coincides with Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights.

**BI VISIBILITY DAY •** Seeks to draw attention to public policy concerns and foster respect for bi+ individuals and communities.

**BILL OF RIGHTS DAY •** Commemorates the signing into law of the ten original amendments of the United States Constitution in 1791.

**BIRTH OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH (Bahá'í) •** Observance of the anniversary of the birth in 1817 of Bahá'u'lláh, prophet-founder of the Bahá'í Faith, in Núr, Persia.

**BIRTH OF THE BÁB (Bahá'í) •** Bahá'í observance of the anniversary of the birth in 1819 of Siyyid, "the Báb," the prophet-herald of the Bahá'í Faith, in Shíráz, Persia.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH •** Celebrates Black History and African American culture in the United States.

**BODHI DAY (Buddhist) •** Also known as *Rohatsu*, commemorates the day that the Buddha, Siddharta Gautama, experienced enlightenment or spiritual awakening (bodhi). Celebrated on the eighth day of December or the 12th month of the lunar calendar.

**CESAR CHAVEZ DAY •** Honors Mexican American farm worker, labor leader and activist Cesar Chavez (1927–1993), who was a nationally respected voice for social justice.

**CHANUKAH (Jewish)** • Eight-day “Festival of Lights,” also known as *Hanukkah*, celebrating the rededication of the Temple to the service of God in 164 BCE. Commemorates the victory of the Maccabees over the Greek King, Antiochus, who sought to suppress freedom of worship.

**CHRISTMAS (Armenian Orthodox Christian)** • The day Armenian Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus. Before the Roman Empire adopted Christianity, this was the original day all Christians observed the birth of Jesus.

**CHRISTMAS (Eastern Christian)** • Commemorating the birth of Jesus, most Orthodox churches celebrate Christmas 13 days later than other Christian churches based on their use of the Julian rather than the Gregorian version of the Western calendar.

**CHRISTMAS (Western Christian)** • Commemorates the birth of Jesus.

**CHRISTMAS EVE (Christian)** • Celebration of the arrival of Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus.

**CINCO DE MAYO** • In 1862 Mexican forces defeated French occupational forces in the Battle of Puebla.

**CLEAN MONDAY (Eastern Christian)** • The beginning of *Great Lent* for Eastern Orthodox Christian churches, which starts 40 days before Pascha, counting Sundays.

**COMING OUT DAY** • Encourages honesty and openness about being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. Commemorates October 11, 1987, when 500,000 people marched on Washington, DC, for gay and lesbian equality.

**CONSTITUTION DAY AND CITIZENSHIP DAY** • Commemorates the ratification of the United States Constitution in 1787. Also honors all who have become U.S. citizens.

**DAY OF SILENCE** • Students take a day-long vow of silence to protest the actual silencing of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) students and their straight allies due to bias and harassment.

**DAY OF THE COVENANT (Bahá'í)** • Festival observed to commemorate Bahá'u'lláh's appointment of His son, Abdu'l-Baha, as His successor.

**DECLARATION OF THE BÁB (Bahá'í)** • Commemoration of May 23, 1844, when the Báb, the prophet-herald of the Bahá'í Faith, announced in Shíráz, Persia, that he was the herald of a new messenger of God.

**DHARMA DAY (Buddhist)** • Also known as *Asala Puja*, it commemorates the historical Buddha's first discourse following his spiritual awakening.

**DIWALI (Hindu)** • Also called *Deepavali*, “Festival of Lights,” it celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness, and knowledge over ignorance.

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY** • The birthday of civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is on January 15 but it is observed on the third Monday in January.

**DUSSEHRA/DASSERA (Hindu)** • Anniversary of the day when Rama killed the evil demon Ravana. Also known as *Durga Puja*, which celebrates the goddess Durga.

**EASTER (Christian)** • Known as *Pascha* in Eastern Christianity; celebrates the resurrection of Jesus.

**EID AL-ADHA (Islamic)** • Commemoration of Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son in obedience of a command from God. Marks the end of the annual Hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca).

**EID AL-FITR (Islamic)** • The “Feast of the Breaking of the Fast” marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting from dawn until dusk.

**ELECTION DAY** • A day set by U.S. law for the election of public officials.

**EPIPHANY/THEOPHANY (Christian)** • Celebrates the manifestation of Jesus as Christ. The Western Church associates Epiphany with the journey of the Magi to the infant Jesus Christ, and the Eastern Orthodox Church associates *Theophany* with the baptism of Jesus Christ by John.

**FATHER'S DAY** • Children of all ages show appreciation for their fathers and father figures.

**FESTIVAL OF RIDVÁN (Bahá'í)** • Annual festival commemorating the 12 days when Bahá'u'lláh, the prophet-founder of the Bahá'í Faith, resided in a garden called Ridván (Paradise) and publicly proclaimed His mission as God's messenger for this age. The first (April 21), ninth (April 29), and twelfth (May 2) days are celebrated as holy days when Baha'is suspend work.

**FLAG DAY** • Anniversary of the adoption of the United States flag by Congress in 1777.

**GANESH CHATURTHI (Hindu)** • Celebrates the birthday of Ganesha, the elephant-deity.

**GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH** • A month that marks important anniversaries for past and contemporary genocides. Throughout the month, individuals, communities and organizations join together to commemorate and honor victims and survivors of mass atrocities.

**GOOD FRIDAY (Western Christian)** • Commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ on the Friday before Easter. Known as *Holy Friday* in Eastern Orthodox Christianity.

**GUR-GADDI GURU GRANTH SAHIB (Sikh)** • Since 1708, Sikhs have accepted Sri Guru Granth Sahib as their eternal Guru that holds the spirit of all Ten Gurus of the Sikhs. They consider Guru Granth Sahib to be a spiritual guide not only for Sikhs but for all of mankind; it plays a central role in guiding the Sikhs' way of life.

**GURU GOBIND SINGH JI'S BIRTHDAY (Sikh)** • Guru Gobindh Singh was the 10th Sikh guru of Nanak and founder of the Khalsa.

**GURU NANAK DEV JI'S BIRTHDAY (Sikh)** • A very important holiday in the Sikh faith as Guru Nanak Dev Ji was the First Guru of the Sikhs and the Founder of Sikhism. He was born in mid-November; the holiday is celebrated according to the lunar date.

**HALLOWEEN** • The eve of All Saints' Day.

**HOLI (Hindu)** • A spring festival in India and Nepal dedicated to the god of pleasure, also known as the festival of colours or the festival of sharing love.

**HOLLA MOHALLA (Sikh)** • An annual martial arts parade historically coinciding with Holi, the Hindu festival of colors. Celebrations related to Holla Mohalla may be held in various locations over several weekends preceding the actual date of the holiday.

**HOLY THURSDAY (Eastern Orthodox Christian)** • Also known as *Maundy Thursday*, it is celebrated on the Thursday before Pascha commemorating the Last Supper, at which Jesus Christ and the Apostles were together for the last time before the Crucifixion.

**HOLY FRIDAY (Eastern Orthodox Christian)** • Commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ on the Friday before Pascha. Known as *Good Friday* in Western Christianity.

**HUMAN RIGHTS DAY** • On this day in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

**INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY (Native American Day)** • Celebrates and honors Native American history and culture. (The second Monday of October is also marked as a U.S. federal holiday, Columbus Day. Many people are opposed to the celebration of a man who led and committed atrocities against Indigenous people. Some states and cities in the U.S. have officially changed the day to Indigenous People's Day. Similarly, it is celebrated as *Día de la Raza*, “Day of the Race,” in Spanish-speaking countries and communities.)

**INDEPENDENCE DAY** • Anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence in 1776.

**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION** • Call to action to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination worldwide.

**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY** • Call to action for the eradication of poverty and destitution worldwide.

**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE SLAVE TRADE AND ITS ABOLITION** • Memorializes the tragedy of the transatlantic slave trade, coinciding with the anniversary of the uprising in Santo Domingo (today Haiti and the Dominican Republic) that initiated its abolition.

**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR TOLERANCE** • Emphasizes the dangers of intolerance and is a call to action for the advancement of human welfare, freedom and progress everywhere, as well as a day to encourage tolerance, respect, dialogue and cooperation among different cultures and peoples.

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHARITY** • Recognizes the role of charity in alleviating human suffering, as well as of the efforts of charitable organizations and individuals, including the work of Mother Teresa.

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE** • Marked on the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement

and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence, a U.N. commemoration promoting the principle of non-violence and the desire to secure a culture of peace, tolerance and understanding.

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES** • Raises awareness about persons with disabilities in order to improve their lives and provide them with equal opportunity.

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES** • Celebrates the richness of indigenous cultures and recognizes the challenges indigenous peoples face today, ranging from poverty and disease to dispossession, discrimination and denial of basic human rights.

**INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY** • Call to action for universal literacy.

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY** • Celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women worldwide.

**INTERNATIONAL WORKER'S DAY** • Also known as *May Day*, it celebrates the social and economic achievements of workers worldwide. The day commemorates the Haymarket Riot of 1886 in Chicago, in which police and protesters clashed following a workers' strike for an eight-hour work day.

**INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY** • Celebrates young people and the integral role they play in helping to create a world fit for children.

**JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** • Recognizes the history of Jewish contributions to American culture, acknowledging the diverse achievements of American Jews.

**JUNETEENTH** • Originally commemorating the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas in 1865, it is now celebrated throughout the U.S. to honor African-American freedom and achievement.

**KHORDAD SAL (Zoroastrian)** • The Zoroastrian celebration of the birth of Zoroaster, the founder of the Zoroastrianism religion. The holiday is specifically celebrated in India and Iran, immediately following the Persian new year, Nowruz.

**KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI (Also known as JAYANTI) (Hindu)** • Celebrates Krishna's birthday, Vishnu's eighth incarnation on earth.

**KRISTALLNACHT** • Also known as the *Night of the Broken Glass*, it commemorates the 1938 pogrom against Jews throughout Germany and Austria.

**KWANZAA** • A seven-day celebration honoring African American heritage and its continued vitality. "Kwanzaa" means "first fruits (of the harvest)" in Swahili.

**LABOR DAY** • Celebrated the first Monday in September in recognition of U.S. workers.

**LAG B'OMER (Jewish)** • Celebrates the end of a divine-sent plague and/or Roman occupation during Rabbi Akiva's lifetime (died c. 135 CE).

**LAILA AL-QADR (Islamic)** • Commemorates the night that the *Qur'an* was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. It is known as the "Night of Power." Often set on the 27th day of Ramadan, Sunnis may observe it on the 21st, 23rd, 25th or 29th and Shi'ite (Shiite) observe it on the 19th, 21st or 23rd day of Ramadan.

**LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH** • Marks and celebrates the lives and achievements of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer/questioning people in the United States.

**LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH** • Commemorates the anniversary of the June 28, 1969 Stonewall riot in New York City, the incident that initiated the modern gay rights movement in the United States.

**LOVING DAY** • Observes the anniversary of the 1967 United States Supreme Court decision *Loving v. Virginia*, which struck down the miscegenation laws remaining in 16 states barring interracial marriage.

**LUNAR NEW YEAR (Confucian, Daoist and Buddhist)** • Also known as the *Spring Festival*, an important festival celebrated at the turn of the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar.

**MAGHA PUJA (Buddhist)** • Also known as *Sangha Day*, it commemorates the spontaneous assembly of 1,250 arahants, completely enlightened monks, in the historical Buddha's presence.

**MAHA SHIVARATRI (Hindu)** • Also called *Shiva Ratri*, the Great Night of Shiva, it is a festival in reverence of the god Shiva, celebrated at the 13th night or 14th day of the waning moon in the Hindu calendar (February or March of the English calendar).

**MAHAYANA NEW YEAR (Buddhist)** • In Mahayana countries, the New Year starts on the first full moon day in January.

**MAKAR SANKRANTI (Hindu)** • Seasonal celebration marking the turning of the sun toward the north.

**MARTYRDOM OF THE BÁB (Bahá'í)** • Observance of the anniversary of the execution by a firing squad in Tabriz, Persia, of the 30-year-old Siyyid 'Alí-Muhammad, the Báb, the prophet-herald of the Bahá'í Faith.

**MEMORIAL DAY** • A federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces.

**MAWLID AL-NABI**, also known as **MILAD AL-NABI (Islamic)** • The observance of the birthday of Islam founder Prophet Muhammad, which is celebrated in Rabi' al-awwal, the third month in the Islamic calendar. Shi'a Muslims celebrate it five days later than Sunni Muslims.

**MOTHER'S DAY** • Children of all ages show appreciation for their mothers and mother figures.

**MUHARRAM (Islamic)** • The month of Muharram marks the beginning of the Islamic liturgical year. The first day, al-Hijra, remembers the migration of Muhammad and his followers from Mecca to Medina in 622 CE. It also marks the beginning of the ten-day Shi'ite Remembrance of Muharram, a period of intense grief and mourning of the martyrdom of Hussein, the son of Ali and grandson of Muhammad.

**NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH** • Adoptees, birth families, adoptive families and adoption professionals reflect on, educate and celebrate adoption practices.

**NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH** • Celebrates and honors the history and culture of Native Americans and indigenous people in the United States.

**NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH** • A campaign to unite communities nationwide to educate and raise awareness of bullying prevention.

**NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH** • Recognizes the contributions of workers with disabilities.

**NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY** • Commemorates the signing of the 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery in 1865.

**NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH** • Celebrates the contributions, heritage and culture of Hispanic and Latino Americans.

**NATIONAL POETRY MONTH** • Introduced in 1996 by the Academy of American Poets as a way to increase awareness and appreciation of poetry in the U.S.

**NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** • Honors women as significant agents of historical change.

**NAVARATRI (Hindu)** • Nine-day festival celebrating the triumph of good over evil. It worships God in the form of the universal mother commonly referred to as Durga, Devi or Shakti, and marks the start of fall.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY** • The first day of the year in the Gregorian calendar, commonly used for civil dating purposes.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE** • In the Gregorian calendar, New Year's Eve, the last day of the year, is on December 31. In many countries, New Year's Eve is celebrated at evening social gatherings, where many people dance, eat, drink, etc.

**NINETEEN-DAY FAST (Bahá'í)** • Baha'is between 15 and 70 years of age do not eat or drink from sunrise to sunset and set aside time for prayer and meditation.

**NIRVANA DAY (Buddhist)** • Celebrates the day when the historical Buddha achieved Parinirvana, or complete Nirvana, upon the death of his physical body. Sometimes celebrated on Feb. 8.

**NO NAME-CALLING WEEK** • Annual week of educational activities aimed at ending name-calling and bullying of all kinds.

**NOWRÚZ (Zoroastrian)** • A traditional ancient Iranian festival celebrating the first day of Spring and the Iranian New Year. Also celebrated as New Year's Day in Baha'i tradition (Naw-Ruz).

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (Christian)** • Celebrates the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (by her title, Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of Mexico and the Americas) before Juan Diego, an indigenous convert to Roman Catholicism, on the Mexican hill of Tepeyac in 1531.

**PALM SUNDAY (Christian)** • Observed the Sunday before Easter/Pascha to commemorate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

**PASCHA (Eastern Orthodox Christian)** • Known as *Easter* in Western Christianity, it celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**PASSOVER/PESACH (Jewish)** • The eight-day “Feast of Unleavened Bread” celebrates Israel’s deliverance from Egyptian bondage.

**PENTECOST (Christian)** • Also known as *Whitsunday*, the seventh Sunday after Easter/Pascha commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and women followers of Jesus. Marks the birth of the Christian Church.

**PENTECOST (Eastern Orthodox Christian)** • The seventh Sunday after *Pascha* commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and women followers of Jesus Christ.

**PRESIDENTS’ DAY** • Honors all past presidents of the United States of America.

**PURIM (Jewish)** • The “Feast of Lots” marks the salvation of the Jews of ancient Persia from extermination.

**RAKSHA BANDHAN (Hindu)** • Also called *Rakhi*, this festival celebrates the protective relationship between brothers and their sisters.

**RAMADAN (Islamic)** • Observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting to commemorate the first revelation of the *Qur’an* to the Prophet Muhammad.

**RAMA NAVAMI (Hindu)** • Celebrates the birthday of Rama, king of ancient India, hero of the epic Ramayana, and seventh incarnation of Vishnu.

**REFORMATION DAY (Christian)** • Commemorates the beginning of the Protestant Reformation in 1517.

**ROSH HASHANAH (Jewish)** • Beginning of the Jewish New Year and first of the High Holy Days, which marks the beginning of a ten-day period of penitence and spiritual renewal.

**SENIOR CITIZEN DAY** • Recognizes the many contributions older adults make in communities across the United States.

**SHAVUOT (Jewish)** • The “Feast of Weeks” celebrates the covenant established at Sinai

between God and Israel, and the revelation of the Ten Commandments.

**SHEMINI ATZERET (Jewish)** • “The Eighth (Day) of Assembly” is observed on the day immediately following Sukkot.

**SHROVE TUESDAY (Western Christian)** • A day of penitence as well as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. Also known as *Mardi Gras*, *Fat Tuesday* and *Carnival Day* as this day is observed in many ways worldwide.

**SIMCHAT TORAH (Jewish)** • “Rejoicing in the Torah” celebrates the conclusion of the public reading of the Pentateuch (first five books of the Hebrew Bible) and its beginning anew.

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY (Christian)** • Feast day of the patron saint of Ireland. In the U.S., a secular version is celebrated by people of all faiths through appreciation of all things Irish.

**SUKKOT (Jewish)** • The week-long “Feast of Booths” commemorates the 40-year wandering of the Israelites in the desert on the way to the Promised Land.

**SUMMER SOLSTICE** • Marks the first day of the season of summer. The length of time between sunrise and sunset is the longest of the year with the sun shining the farthest from the Southern Hemisphere and the closest to the Northern Hemisphere.

**SUSAN B. ANTHONY DAY** • A commemorative holiday to celebrate the birth of Susan B. Anthony (1820–1906) and women’s suffrage in the U.S.

**THANKSGIVING DAY** • Following a 19th century tradition, it commemorates the Pilgrims’ harvest feast in the autumn of 1621. It is considered by some to be a “national day of mourning,” in recognition of the conquest of Native Americans by colonists.

**THERAVADA NEW YEAR (Buddhist)** • In Theravada countries, the New Year is celebrated on the first full moon day in April.

**TISHA B’AV (Jewish)** • Mourning of the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem in 586 BCE and 70 CE.

**TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE** • Memorializes those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice.

**TU B’SHVAT (Jewish)** • New Year’s Day for Trees, and traditionally the first of the year for tithing fruit of trees. Now a day for environmental awareness and action, such as tree planting.

**ULLAMBANA (also known as Obon) (Buddhist)** • Ullambana, a Sanskrit term that means “hanging upside down and suffering,” honors the spirits of past ancestors and strives to relieve aching souls from suffering. It lasts about half of the month of August. Obon, the Japanese transliteration of Ullambana, is only three days and varies from region to region—July in the eastern region and August in the western region.

**UN HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY** • Annual International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust coinciding with the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp in 1945.

**UNITED NATIONS DAY** • Commemorates the founding of the world organization in 1945.

**VAISAKHI (also spelled Baisakhi) (Sikh)** • The festival which celebrates the founding of the Sikh community as the Khalsa (community of the initiated). On this day, Sikhs gather and celebrate Vaisakhi at their local Gurdwaras (Sikh house of worship) by remembering this day as the birth of the Khalsa.

**VALENTINE’S DAY** • Celebrates the idea of romantic love.

**VERNAL EQUINOX** • Marks the first day of the season of spring. The sun shines nearly equally on both hemispheres when it’s spring in the Northern Hemisphere and simultaneously fall in the Southern Hemisphere.

**VETERANS’ DAY** • Honors military veterans and the U.S. Armed Services.

**VISAKHA PUJA (Buddhist)** • Also known as *Vesak* or *Buddha Day*, it marks the birth, spiritual awakening and death (nirvana) of the historical Buddha.

**WINTER SOLSTICE** • Marks the first day of the season of winter. The length of time between sunrise and sunset is the shortest of the year with the sun shining closest to the Southern Hemisphere and the farthest from the Northern Hemisphere.

**WOMEN’S EQUALITY DAY** • Commemorates the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote.

**WORLD AIDS DAY** • International day of action on HIV and AIDS.

**WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY** • Recognizes cultural diversity as a source of innovation, exchange and creativity, as well as the obligation to create a more peaceful and equitable society based on mutual respect.

**WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE** • U.N. day to recognize efforts to achieve fair outcomes for all through employment, social protection, social dialogue, and fundamental principles and rights at work.

**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (WED)** • The United Nations’ most important day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment.

**WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY** • Serves as an occasion to inform the public of violations of the right to freedom of expression and as a reminder that many journalists brave death or jail to bring people their daily news.

**WORLD REFUGEE DAY** • Raises awareness about the plight of refugees and displaced persons.

**WORLD TEACHER’S DAY** • Held annually to commemorate teacher organizations worldwide.

**WOUNDED KNEE DAY** • On December 29, 1890 more than 200 Lakota Sioux were massacred by U.S. troops at Wounded Knee in South Dakota.

**YOM HASHOAH (Jewish)** • “Holocaust Remembrance Day” memorializes the heroic martyrdom of six million Jews who perished in the Nazi Holocaust.

**YOM KIPPUR (Jewish)** • The “Day of Atonement” marks the end of the Ten Days of Penitence that begin with Rosh Hashanah.

**Ben Sax**  
*National Chair*

**Jonathan A. Greenblatt**  
*CEO and National Director*

**Kenneth Jacobson**  
*Deputy National Director*

**Abraham H. Foxman**  
*National Director Emeritus*

**Susan Brody**  
*Chair, Mountain States  
Regional Board*

**Scott L. Levin**  
*Regional Director*

**Susie Moss**  
*Director of Development*

**Sue Parker-Gerson**  
*Senior Associate Director*

**Jeremy Shaver**  
*Senior Associate Director*

**Tara Raju**  
*Education Director*

**Dan Cohen**  
*Associate Education Director*

**Beth Danilson**  
*Regional Coordinator*

This resource guide was prepared by the Anti-Defamation League's Mountain States Regional Office in conjunction with the ADL's National Education Division.

© 2023 Anti-Defamation League. All rights reserved.

No part of this book may be reproduced or utilized in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying and recording, or by an information storage and retrieval system, without permission in writing from the ADL.

### **ADL Mountain States Regional Office**

(303) 830-7177 • Fax: (303) 830-1554

Email: [Mountainstates.adl.org](mailto:Mountainstates.adl.org) • Website: <http://mountainstates.adl.org>

Special thanks to:

Hal Aqua, [halaquastudio.com](http://halaquastudio.com), *PI!* designer

RM Printing

Ines Elvira Rocha, Spanish Translator

Dan Cohen, Scott L. Levin, Jewel Nesmith, Tara Raju, Jessica Reaves, ADL Staff, *PI!* content

Andy Heins, Gary Rand, Lori Sigman, Sarla Thal, ADL Board Members,

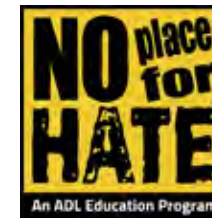
ADL Mountain States Education Committee Co-Chairs



**Since 1913, it has been the mission of ADL...  
“to stop the defamation of the Jewish people  
and to secure justice and fair treatment to all.”**



**A WORLD OF  
DIFFERENCE**



1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 1301, Denver CO 80203 • 303-830-7177  
Mountainstates@adl.org • <http://mountainstates.adl.org>



# Support Us!

Lift this flap to find out how to support the ADL's education programs and the **POSITIVE IMPACT!** calendar.



**A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE**



1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 1301, Denver CO 80203 • 303-830-7177  
Mountainstates@adl.org • <http://mountainstates.adl.org>

**Yes!** I want to ensure that students and our community continue to have access to the Anti-Defamation League's education programs and the **POSITIVE IMPACT!** calendar.

Enclosed is my gift of  \$18  \$36  \$54  \$100  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Charge my credit card:  American Express  Visa  MasterCard  Discover

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date (M/Y) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed. Please make payable to Anti-Defamation League and mail to:  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 1301, Denver CO 80203 or go online: <http://mountainstates.adl.org>

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_

Donate online using QR code

