

October 2023

Calendar of Observances

October is National Employment Disability Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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Shemini Atzeret

The day immediately following Sukkot, known as the Eighth Day of Assembly.

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Simchat Torah

Celebrates the conclusion of the public reading of the Pentateuch and its beginning anew. Known as "Rejoicing in the Torah."

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Indigenous People's Day

Celebrates and honors Native American History and culture. This day may also be known as Columbus Day.

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National 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.

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Navaratri

A 9 day festival dedicated to the Hindu deity Durga which starts on the first day of the Lunar month of Ashwin.

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Birth of the Bab

Twin Holy Birthdays refers to two successive holy days in the Baha'i calendar that celebrates the births of the Bab and the Baha'u'llah. They are observed on the first and second day following the occurrence of the eighth moon after Naw-Ruz.

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United Nations Day

Commemorates the founding of the world organization in 1945.

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Halloween

Known as the Western Christian Feast of all Saints. This celebration begins with the three days of observance of the feast of all Saints. This feast is dedicated to remembering those who are no longer in this world, including martyrs and saints.

Samhain

Festival celebrated by the ancient Celts halfway between the autumn equinox and the winter solstice.

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