

# November 2023

## Calendar of Observances

November is Native American Heritage Month.

### All Saints Day

1 Commemorates all known and unknown Christian saints. In Mexican tradition it is celebrated as Dia de los Muertos between October 31 and November 2, and is an occasion to remember ancestors and celebrate the continuity of life.

### Karwa Chauth

Karwa Chauth is an annual one-day festival that honors the Hindu god Shiva and goddess Parvati. It occurs on the fourth day after the full moon in the Hindu month of Kartik, which is usually in October.

### Bhai Dooj

5 A day when sisters pray for their brothers to have long and happy lives by performing a small ceremony and brothers offer gifts to their sisters.

### Veteran's Day

11 Honors the U.S. Armed Services and commemorates the war dead.

### Bandi-Chhor Diwas

A commemorative occasion to celebrate the 1619 release of the Sixth Guru Har Gobind Sahib from imprisonment.

### Diwali

12 The "Festival of Lights" celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness, and knowledge over ignorance.

### Birth of the Baha'u'llah

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.

### Vikram New Year

13 A public holiday in the western coastal Indian state of Gujrat. It is observed on the day following Diwali, which falls on the moon in the eighth Hindu month of Kartik.

### International Day for Tolerance

16 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 people.

### Transgender Day of Remembrance

20 Memorializes those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice.

### Thanksgiving

23 Following a 19th century tradition, it commemorates the Pilgrims' harvest feast in the autumn of 1621.

### Native American Indian Heritage Day

24 Honors Native American heritage and culture, and acknowledges the important contributions of Native people.

### Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur

This day commemorates the martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur Ji (1621 - 1675), the ninth of the Ten Sikh Gurus.

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