

March 2023

Calendar of Observances

March is Women's History Month

Celebrates the contributions and achievements of women in history.

1 Maha Shivaratri
Hindu festival celebrated in honor of the god Shiva.

6 Magha Puja

Commemorates the spontaneous assembly of 1,250 arahants, completely enlightened monks, in the historical Buddha's presence.

Purim (begins at sundown)

Also known as the "Feast of Lots", Purim marks the salvation of Jews of ancient Persia from extermination.

7 Holi

The festival of sharing and love or the festival of colors held in Spring.

Laylat al Bara'at

This day commemorates for Muslims when God descends from heaven and forgives the people of their sins.

8 International Woman's Day

Celebrates women's achievements and raises awareness against bias.

Hola Mohalla

An annual event with a martial arts parade historically coinciding with Holi, the Hindu festival of colors.

17 Saint Patrick's Day

A cultural and religious celebration held to celebrate Saint Patrick, the foremost patron saint of Ireland.

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20 Vernal Equinox

The date when night and day are nearly the same length. It marks the first day of the season of Spring.

21 Nowruz

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.

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Injustice

Call to action to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination worldwide.

23 Ramadan Begins

A period of prayer, fasting, charity giving, and self-examination for Muslims.

30 Rama Navami

Celebrates the birthday of Rama, king of ancient India, hero of the epic Ramayana, and seventh incarnation of Vishnu.

31 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.

International Trans Visibility Day

Day of awareness to celebrate the successes of transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

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