

**DEIJA
COMMEMORATIONS CALENDAR**

AUGUST 2025

Black Business Month was established to highlight and empower Black business owners.

National Civility Month is an observance to help us remember to treat others with kindness and empathy. To learn more about having civil discourse, watch this **TED talk** on “How to disagree productively and find common ground.”

National Immunization Awareness Month is an observance to highlight the importance of routine vaccinations for people of all ages.

National Breastfeeding Month is dedicated to advancing advocacy, protection, and promotion of breastfeeding. BAMSI's WIC programs offer breastfeeding support. Check out these benefits of breastfeeding.

August 1

Lughnasadh (Lammas) is a Celtic, Pagan and Wiccan festival that celebrates the start of the harvest season.

August 2-3

Tisha B'Av is a day of communal mourning in the Jewish faith that commemorates several disasters, including the destruction of the first and second temples in Jerusalem in 586 BCE and 70 CE.

August 9

Green Corn Moon is one of 13 thanksgiving celebrations recognized by many Native American communities.

August 9

International Day of the World's Indigenous People was created by the United Nations to celebrate the culture and knowledge of indigenous people on a global scale, and to raise awareness to the needs of this population.

August 9

Raskha Bandhan(Rakhi Poornima, Nariyal Poornima, Kajari Poornima) is a Hindu festival honoring the relationship between siblings and is associated with protection and bonds that tie.

August 12

International Youth Day was established by the U.N. to encourage youth around the world to organize activities to bring awareness to the situation of youth in their country. The theme for 2025 is Youth Empowerment for a Sustainable Future.

August 15

Feast of the Assumption (The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) is a Catholic holy day that marks the entry of Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, into Heaven (body and soul).

August 16

Krishna Janmashtami celebrates the earthly appearance of Krishna, one of the most popular deities in the Hindu faith.

August 21

National Senior Citizens Day was established in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan as a day to hold gratitude and esteem for older Americans and to demonstrate this by ensuring that communities are good places for people to mature and grow.

August 21

Elizabeth Freeman Day honors the day that formerly enslaved Elizabeth Freeman (Mum Bett) won her freedom in court, a case that laid the groundwork for the abolition of slavery in Massachusetts.

August 23**International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition**

is observed during the anniversary of the beginning of the uprising in Saint Domingue (now Haiti) that played a crucial role in the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade and is intended to “inscribe the tragedy of the slave trade in the memory of all peoples.”

August 26

Women's Equality Day celebrates the importance of the women's suffrage movement and the work to secure and expand equal rights today.

August 27

Ganesh Chaturthi is a Hindu festival that celebrates the deity Ganesh's birth.