

DEIJA COMMEMORATIONS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2025

Deaf Awareness Month is recognized in September to bring awareness to Deafness/Hard of Hearing, Deaf Culture and Identity.

National Recovery Month, which started in 1989, is a national observance held every September to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the nation's strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and communities who make recovery in all its forms possible.

Hispanic/Latine Heritage Month takes place September 15 to October 15 every year as a time to recognize and celebrate the many contributions, diverse cultures, and extensive histories of the American Latine community. The theme for 2025 is Collective Heritage: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future. Why do we use the term "Latine" or Latinx or Hispanic? Check out this [video](#) to learn more.

September 2

Labor Day is celebrated on the first Monday of September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States.

September 4-5

Milad an-Nabi (Mawlid) is celebrated by Muslims as the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad. Even though the Muslim religion doesn't usually celebrate birthdays, as there's no evidence of the Prophet doing so, the accepted birthdate of the Prophet himself started being celebrated early in Islam's history and is accepted as a national holiday in many Muslim countries today.

September 6

Ullambana Festival (Hungry Ghost Festival, Obon, Filial Piety Ceremony) is a Buddhist tradition, celebrated on different dates in various Asian countries, with a general focus on honoring ancestors.

September 7

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

September 7 - 21

Pitru Paksha (Shraadh) is the 16-day period preceding Navratri when Hindus offer prayers or tarpan to their ancestors through food offerings. Shraadh is observed from the autumnal full moon to the following Amavasya for 16 days. On this day, til, rice among other food items are offered to ancestors during sunrise, followed by puja, havan and daan.

September 11

Nayrouz is a feast when martyrs and confessors are commemorated within the Coptic Orthodox Church. The day is both the start of the Coptic new year and its first month, Thout. Nayrouz is also commemorated by Ethiopian Christians who also call it Enkutatash.

September 16-23

Bisexual+ Awareness Week seeks to accelerate the acceptance of the bi+ (bisexual, pansexual, fluid, no label, queer, etc.) community. #BiWeek draws attention to the experiences, while also celebrating the resiliency of, the bisexual+ community. Throughout #BiWeek, allies and bi+ people learn about the history, culture, community, and current policy priorities of bi+ communities.

September 21

Each year the **International Day of Peace** is observed around the world on 21 September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. Never has our world needed peace more. This year's theme is Act Now for a Peaceful World.

September 22

Mabon marks the Autumn Equinox, when day and night are equal, making it a time of balance, equality and harmony. It is celebrated in Pagan and Wiccan traditions. In ancient times Mabon was a celebration of the second harvest when farmers gathered hearty foods like gourds, pumpkins, grapes and apples. Modern Mabon celebrations are a time to give thanks for the abundance of Mother Earth - both literally and spiritually. It's also a good time to reflect on the Wheel of the Year, recognizing your successes and letting go of the things that did not serve you during the past twelve months.

September 22-24

Rosh Hashanah (literally "Head of the Year" in Hebrew) is the Jewish New Year. The holiday takes place over one or two days (depending on your practice) Rosh Hashanah is the first of the High Holy Days (or Jewish High Holidays), beginning a 10-day period of soul searching and contemplation that concludes with Yom Kippur.

September 22 - October 2

Navaratri is a festival in the Hindu faith that celebrates the Goddess Durga and the feminine divine.