

Town of Acton DEI Office 2026

Heritage & Awareness Calendar

January

National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

- 1/4: World Braille Day
- 1/17: Lunar New Year
- 1/19: Martin Luther King Jr Day
- 1/27: Int'l Holocaust Remembrance Day

February

African American and Black History Month

- 2/1: National Freedom Day
- 2/15: Maha Shivarati
- 2/17: Ramadan begins
- 2/19: Day of Remembrance of Japanese American Incarceration during WWII
- 2/20: World Day of Social Justice

March

Women's History Month

- 3/4: Holi
- 3/8: Int'l Women's Day
- 3/15: Int'l Day to Combat Islamophobia
- 3/17: St. Patrick's Day
- 3/19: Eid-al-Fitr
- 3/21: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 3/25: Int'l Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
- 3/31: Transgender Day of Visibility

April

- Arab American and Middle Eastern and North African American Heritage Month

- Autism Awareness Month

- Deaf History Month

- 4/1-9: Passover begins
- 4/2: World Autism Awareness Day
- 4/5: Easter
- 4/10: LGBTQ+ Day of Silence
- 4/20: Patriots Day

May

- Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Month

- Haitian Heritage Month

- Jewish American Heritage Month

- Older Americans Month

- 5/4-10: Int'l Week of Sign Languages
- 5/5: Cinco de Mayo
- 5/5: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day
- 5/15: Malcolm X Day
- 5/17: Int'l Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia
- 5/21: Global Accessibility Awareness Day
- 5/21: World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
- 5/25: Memorial Day
- 5/26: Eid-al-Adha

June

- LGBTQ+ Pride Month

- National Caribbean American Heritage Month
- 6/2: Native American Citizenship Day
- 6/16: Hijri New Year
- 6/19: Juneteenth
- 6/28: LGBTQ+ Pride Day

July

Disability Pride Month

- 7/8: Massachusetts Emancipation Day
- 7/14: Int'l Non-Binary Peoples Day
- 7/18: Nelson Mandela Int'l Day
- 7/26: Disability Independence Day

August

- 8/9: Int'l Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
- 8/23: Int'l Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition
- 8/26: Women's Equality Day

September

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

- 9/7: Labor Day
- 9/7-13: Historical Black Colleges and Universities Week*
- 9/11: A Day of Remembrance
- 9/11-13: Rosh Hashanah

9/15-10/15: Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month

- 9/18: Int'l Equal Pay Day
- 9/21: Int'l Day of Peace
- 9/20-26: Int'l Week of the Deaf
- 9/25: Mid-Autumn Festival
- 9/30: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

October

- Down Syndrome Awareness Month

- Global Diversity Awareness Month

- LGBTQ+ History Month

- 10/10: World Mental Health Day
- 10/11: National Coming Out Day
- 10/12: Indigenous Peoples Day
- 10/15: Blind American Equality and White Cane Awareness Day

November

Native and Indigenous American Heritage Month

- 11/1: Dia de la Muertos
- 11/11: Veterans Day
- 11/13-19: Transgender Awareness Week
- 11/19: Red Shawl Day
- 11/20: Transgender Day of Remembrance

December

Universal Human Rights Month

- 12/1: World AIDS Day
- 12/8: Bodhi Day
- 12/4-12: Hanukkah
- 12/25: Christmas
- 12/26-1/1: Kwanzaa