



Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

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2023 Important Nonsecular, Cultural, and Religious Dates*

Greetings Judges! The Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion is sending this list of common cultural, religious, and nonsecular holidays alongside state holidays that we want to bring to your attention as they could be celebrated by your employees, litigants in your court, or community members with whom you schedule meetings. It is our goal to aid your offices with these mindful cultural reminders to support statewide inclusivity, fairness, and access to our courts. While many of these dates are NOT state holidays, we hope it is useful to know that people you interact with may observe traditions related to these dates. Please [let me know](#) if you have any questions.

- Jan 2 **New Year's Day** (STATE)
- Jan 16 **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** (STATE)
- Jan 22 **Lunar New Year** (CHINESE, KOREAN, AND VIETNAMESE COMMUNITIES)
- Jan 27 **Holocaust Remembrance Day**
- February – Black History Month**
- Feb 22 **Ash Wednesday** *Lenten season starts* (CATHOLICISM / CHRISTIANITY)
- March – Women's History Month**
- Mar 22 **Ramadan** *Period of fasting* (ISLAM)
- Mar 30 **Ram Navami** (HINDUISM FESTIVAL)
- April– National Autism Awareness Month**
- Apr 5 **Qingming Festival** *Chinese Memorial Day or Ancestors' Day* (CHINESE)
- Apr 5-13 **Passover** (JUDAISM)
- Apr 7 **Good Friday** *Lenten season ends* (STATE)
- Apr 9 **Easter** (CATHOLICISM / CHRISTIANITY)
- Apr 13 **Thingyan** *New Year* (MYANMAR/BURMA)
- Apr 13 **Vaisakhi** *Birth of Khalsa celebration* (SIKH)
- Apr 20 **Eid al Fitr** *Month-long fasting ends at Ramadan* (ISLAM)
- May – Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**
- May 2 **Primary Election Day** (STATE)
- May 5 **Cinco de Mayo** (MEXICAN AMERICAN)
- May 29 **Memorial Day** (STATE)

- June – LGBTQ+ Pride Month**
- Jun 19 **Juneteenth** (AFRICAN AMERICAN)
- Jul 4 **Independence Day** (STATE)
- Jul 18-19 **Hijri New Year** (ISLAMIC / ARABIC)
- September – Hispanic Heritage Month Sep 15-Oct 15**
- Sep 4 **Labor Day** (STATE)
- Sep 15 **Rosh Hashanah** *New Year* (JUDAISM)
- Sep 24-25 **Yom Kippur** *Holiest day* (JUDAISM)
- Sep 27 **Milad an-Nabi** *Mawlid* (ISLAM)
- Sep 29 **Sukkot Feast of Booths** (JUDAISM)
- Oct 9 **Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day** (STATE)
- November – Native American Heritage Month**
- Nov 1 **Día de los Muertos** *Day of the Dead* (LATIN AMERICA)
- Nov 7 **General Election Day** (STATE)
- Nov 10 **Veterans Day** (STATE)
- Nov 12-16 **Diwali** *the Festival of Lights* (INDIA)
- Nov 24-25 **Thanksgiving / Lincoln's Birthday** (STATE)
- Dec 7-15 **Hanukkah** (JUDAISM)
- Dec 25-26 **Christmas / Washington's Birthday** (STATE)
- Dec 26-31 **Kwanzaa** (AFRICAN AMERICAN)

*This is not an exhaustive list but merely a guide for events and celebrations based on Indiana population demographics.