

2020 CALENDAR!

POSITIVE IMPACT!

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An ADL Education Program

TOOLS FOR RESPECTING
DIFFERENCES...

About this Calendar and Resource Guide

Acerca de este Calendario y Guía de Recursos



Since 1941, ADL's Mountain States Regional Office has worked tirelessly to stop all forms of bigotry and prejudice in Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming to fulfill ADL's mission "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all." Thank you to our generous sponsors for this year's 2020 *Positive Impact!* Calendar.

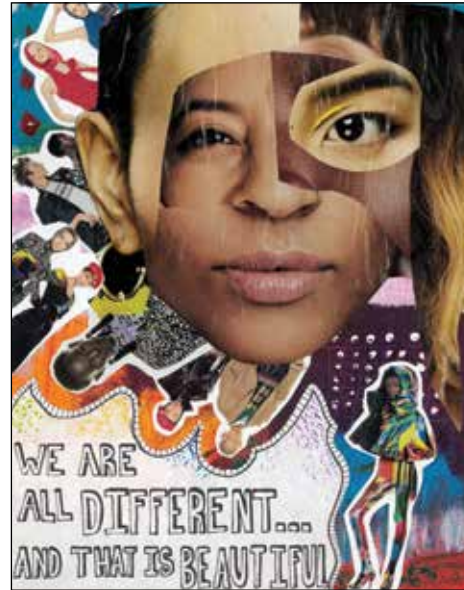
Our calendar includes ADL's No Place for Hate® student art contest winners, who created vibrant artwork to a theme which asked, "What Would It Look Like When..."

- *We Build Community?*
- *We Find Common Ground?*
- *Diversity is a Strength?*
- *We Take Action Against Hate? or*
- *We Are Different Together?*

We each have a role to play in challenging bias, whether as an ally, a leader, a listener, an educator, a communicator, a problem solver, a mentor, a planner and so many others. Choose one and you will be a hero as you make a positive impact in your community! Thank you for your continued support of ADL and our commitment to create more inclusive communities, classrooms and workplaces by proactively combating bias and bullying.

Melinda Quiat
ADL Regional Board Chair

Scott L. Levin
ADL Regional Director



Desde 1941, la Oficina Regional de la ADL para los Estados Montañosos ha trabajado incansablemente para detener todas las formas de intolerancia y prejuicio en Colorado, Nuevo México y Wyoming para cumplir con la misión de la ADL de "poner fin a la difamación del pueblo judío y garantizar la justicia y el trato justo para todos." Gracias a nuestros generosos patrocinadores por el Calendario 2020 *¡Impacto Positivo!*

Nuestro calendario incluye a los ganadores del concurso de arte estudiantil No Place for Hate® de la ADL, quienes crearon obras de arte vibrantes con el tema "¿Cómo se vería si..."

- *Construimos comunidad?*
- *Encontramos algo en común?*
- *La diversidad es una fortaleza?*
- *Tomamos medidas contra el odio? o*
- *Somos diferentes juntos?*

Cada uno de nosotros tiene un papel que desempeñar en el desafío de los prejuicios, ya sea como aliado, líder, oyente, educador, comunicador, solucionador de problemas, mentor, planificador y tantos otros. ¡Elige uno y serás un héroe al hacer un impacto positivo en tu comunidad! Gracias por su continuo apoyo a la ADL y nuestro compromiso de crear comunidades, salones de clase y lugares de trabajo más inclusivos, combatiendo proactivamente los prejuicios y la intimidación.

Melinda Quiat
President de la Junta
Directiva Regional de la ADL

Scott L. Levin
Director Regional
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JANUARY 2020



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"I SAY LET'S OWN WHO WE ARE AND USE IT AS A STRENGTH."
—GAL GADOT



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NEW YEAR'S DAY

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GURU GOBIND SINGH JI'S BIRTHDAY Sikh

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EPIPHANY Christian

CHRISTMAS Armenian Orthodox Christian

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CHRISTMAS Eastern Christian

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MAHAYANA NEW YEAR (Buddhist) January 10-12

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MAKAR SANKRANTI Hindu

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WORLD RELIGION DAY Bahá'í

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S BIRTHDAY

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NO NAME-CALLING WEEK January 20-24

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LUNAR NEW YEAR Confucian, Daoist and Buddhist

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UN HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

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Student
Art Contest
WINNER



Lower Elementary First Place Winner
Wyatt S., 1st grade, Flatirons Elementary
Birds

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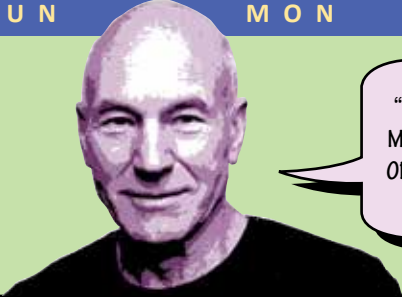
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"IT IS WHAT YOU DO FROM NOW ON THAT WILL EITHER MOVE OUR CIVILIZATION FORWARD A FEW TINY STEPS, OR ELSE...BEGIN TO MARCH US STEADILY BACKWARD."
—PATRICK STEWART

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH Feb. 1-28

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VALENTINE'S DAY

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SUSAN B. ANTHONY DAY
NIRVANA DAY
Buddhist

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PRESIDENTS' DAY

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WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

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MAHA SHIVARATRI
Hindu

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AYYÁM-I-HA OR INTERCALARY DAYS (Bahá'í) February 26-29

SHROVE TUESDAY
Western Christian

ASH WEDNESDAY
Western Christian



Student
Art Contest
WINNER



High School Third Place Winner
Sophie F., 10th grade, Boulder High School
We Are One People

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MARCH 2020



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NINETEEN-DAY FAST (Bahá'í) March 1-19

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
March 1-31

CLEAN MONDAY
Eastern Christian

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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MAGHA PUJA
Buddhist

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HOLI Hindu
HOLLA MOHALLA Sikh
PURIM Jewish

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY
Christian

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VERNAL EQUINOX

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INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

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Zoroastrian

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CESAR CHAVEZ DAY

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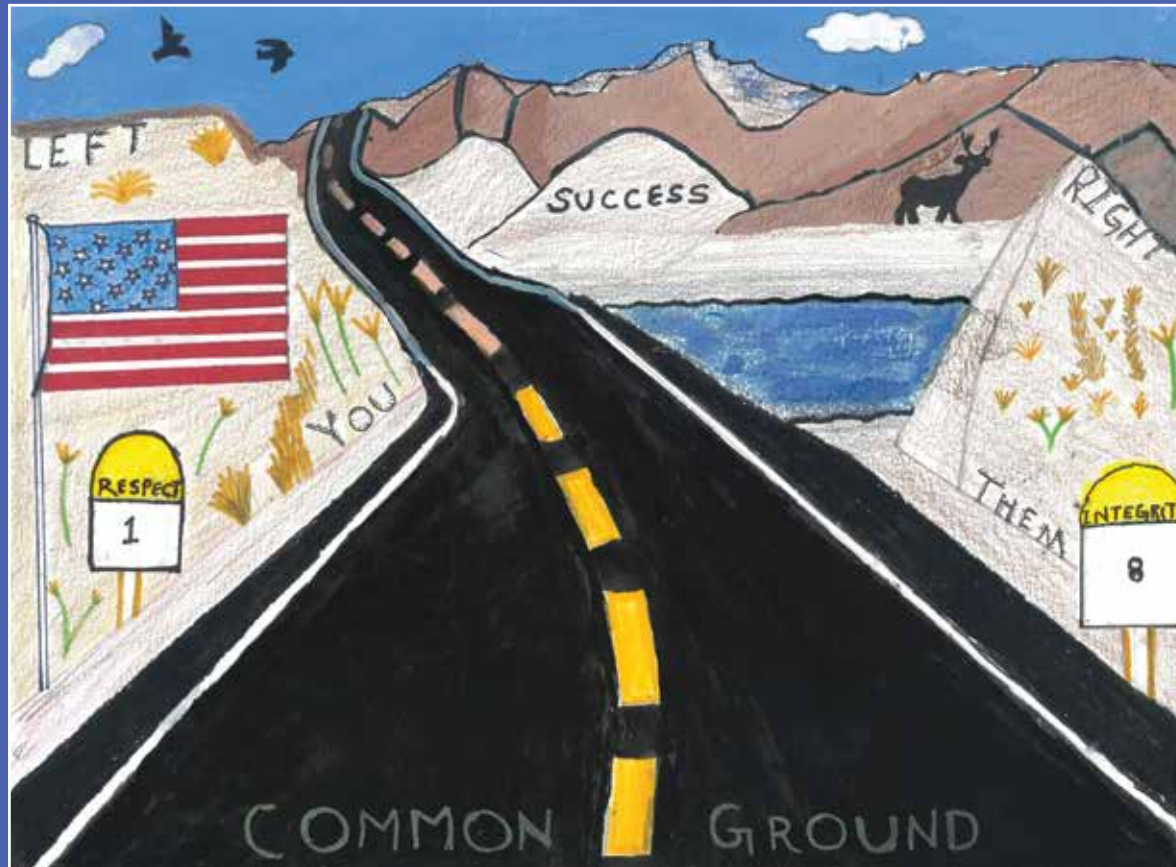
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"IF YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE YOUR VOICE, YOU SHOULD USE IT!"
—SAMUEL L. JACKSON





Student Art Contest
WINNER



Upper Elementary First Place Winner
Sharvendraa E-J., 5th grade, Emerald Elementary
We Are No Place for Hate

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APRIL 2020



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"WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS YOU EDUCATE YOURSELF ON YOUR OWN TIME, BUT YOU HAVE TO RESPECT IT ON EVERYONE ELSE'S TIME. BECAUSE NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO WAIT FOR EQUALITY." —NICOLE MAINES



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GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH April 1-30

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RAMA NAVAMI
 Hindu 

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PALM SUNDAY
 Christian

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THERAVADA NEW YEAR (Buddhist) April 7-9

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PASSOVER/PESACH (Jewish) April 9-16
HOLY THURSDAY
 Christian
GOOD FRIDAY
 Christian

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EASTER Christian

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VAISAKHI
 Sikh

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DAY OF SILENCE

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FESTIVAL OF RIDVÁN (Bahá'í) April 20-May 1

YOM HASHOAH
 Jewish

ARMENIAN MARTYRS' DAY

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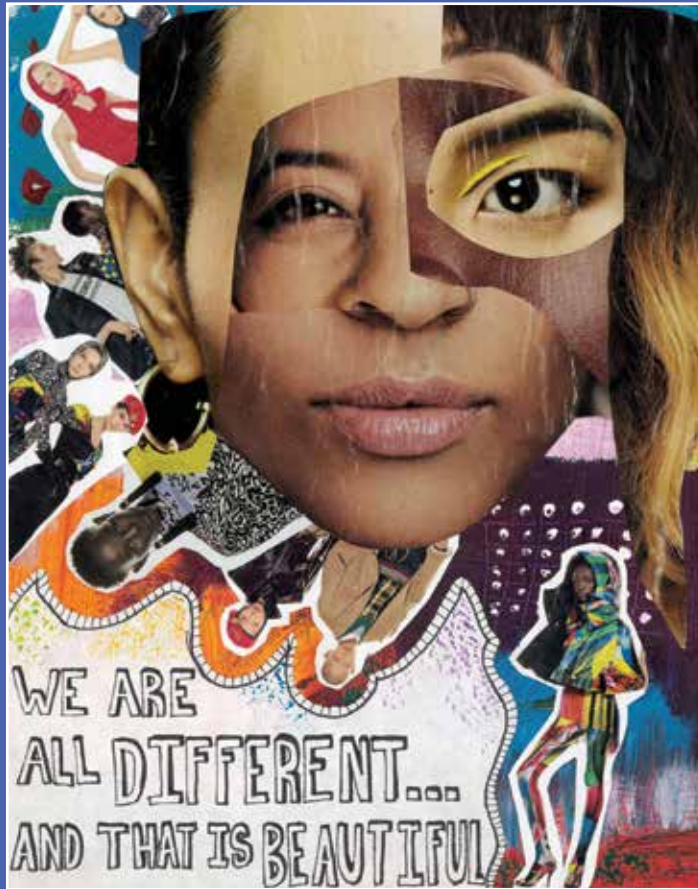
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RAMADAN (Islamic) April 24-May 23
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Student
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High School First Place Winner —
Maya C., 12th grade, Boulder High School
I See Strength



Upper Elementary Third Place Winner —
Brooklynn C., 5th grade, Murphy Creek P-8
Love Overpowers Hate

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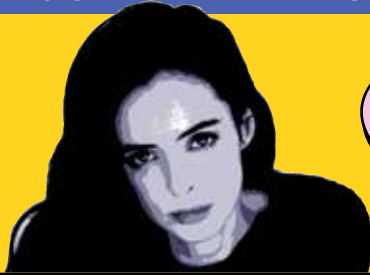
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"I BELIEVE IN WOMEN HAVING A VOICE, BEING EMPOWERED, SPEAKING UP AND HAVING IDEAS."
—KRYSTEN RITTER

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2 **ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** May 1-31

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH May 1-31

INTERNATIONAL WORKER'S DAY

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WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY

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CINCO DE MAYO

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VISAKHA PUJA
Buddhist

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MOTHER'S DAY

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LAG B'OMER
Jewish

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LAILA AL-QADR
Islamic

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ASCENSION DAY Christian
NOWRÚZ Zoroastrian
WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY

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DECLARATION OF THE BÁB Bahá'í

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EID AL-FITR
Islamic

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PENTECOST
Christian

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MEMORIAL DAY

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ASCENSION OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH
Bahá'í

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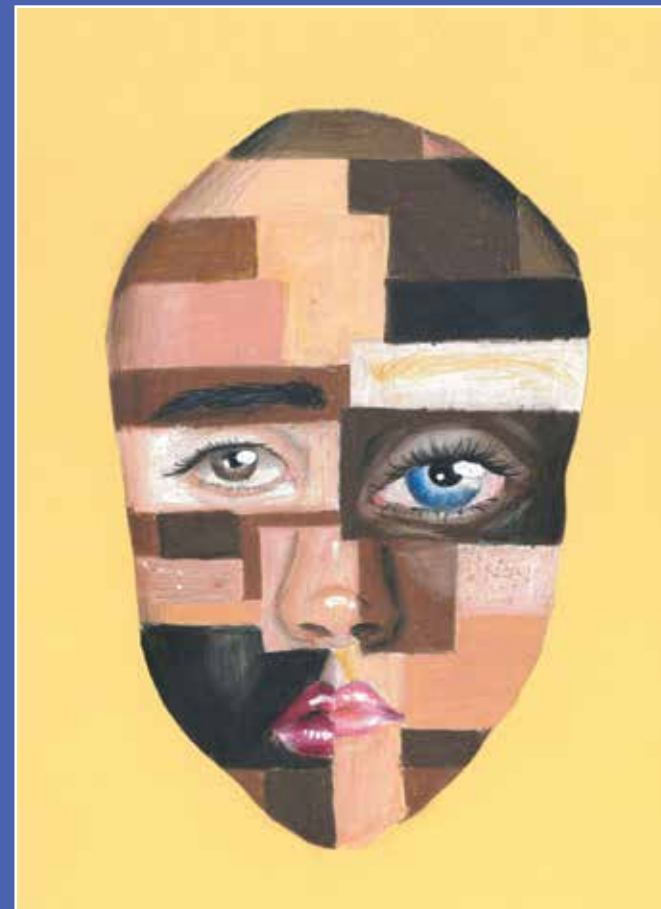
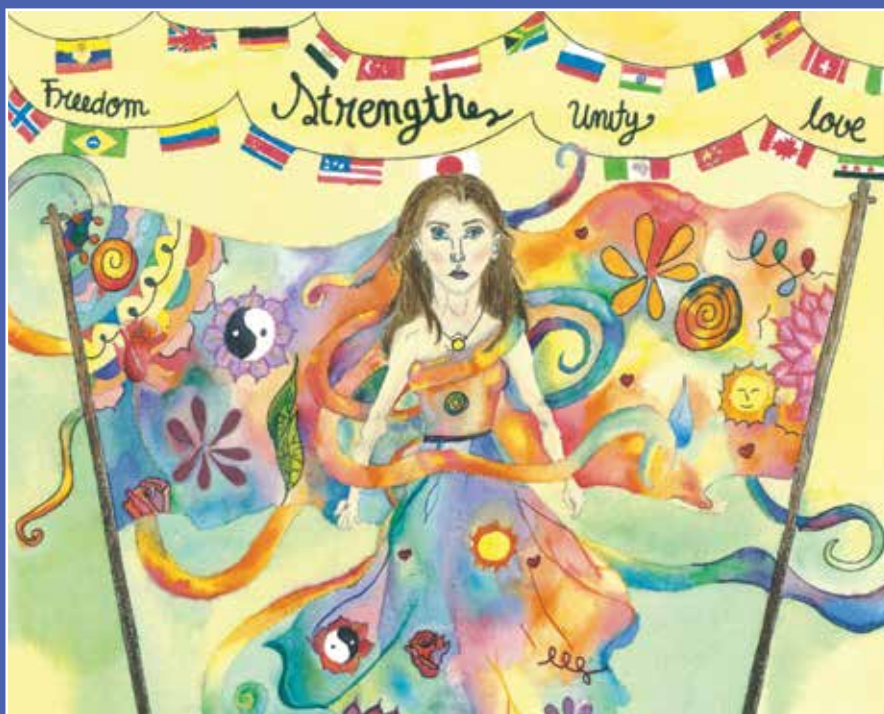
SHAVUOT
(Jewish) May 29-30

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Student Art Contest

WINNERS

High School Honorable Mention —
Koyaki S-A., 9th grade, Boulder High School
Different, Together



High School Honorable Mention —
Sara C., 9th grade, Boulder High School
Diversity Creates Culture

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LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH June 1-30

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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

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LOVING DAY

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FLAG DAY
ALL SAINTS' DAY
Eastern Christian
RACE UNITY DAY
Bahá'í


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SUMMER SOLSTICE
WORLD REFUGEE DAY

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FATHER'S DAY

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ANNIVERSARY OF LEGALIZATION OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN THE U.S.

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"A HERO IS SOMEONE WHO, IN SPITE OF WEAKNESS, DOUBT OR NOT ALWAYS KNOWING THE ANSWERS, GOES AHEAD AND OVERCOMES ANYWAY."
—CHRISTOPHER REEVE



Student
Art Contest
WINNER



Upper Elementary Second Place Winner
Callie H., 4th grade, Emerald Elementary
We Are No Place for Hate

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**"HUMAN BEINGS
HAVE AN INSTINCT
FOR FREEDOM."
—LUPITA NYONG'O**

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**INDEPENDENCE
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DHARMA DAY
Buddhist

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**MARTYRDOM OF
THE BÁB** Bahá'í

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ULLAMBANA (OBON) (Buddhist) July 13-15

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**AMERICANS WITH
DISABILITIES ACT
(ADA) DAY**

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TISHA B'AV
Jewish

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EID AL-ADHA
(Islamic)
July 31-August 3

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Tips for respectful conversations in schools, workplaces and communities

Being able to have respectful and civil conversations is the bedrock of any relationship—whether those connections take place at home, school, work or in communities. However, when controversy or conflict arises, discussions can quickly become polarized, heated and personal, making it very difficult to have a conversation where different points of view are aired and discussed. These conversations can be about something controversial like politics, policies, topics in the news, moral dilemmas or about something seemingly neutral. In order for us to talk across divergent opinions, broaden our own thinking and identify areas of common ground, we first need to learn how to talk with each other so we can hear and understand our different perspectives. These tips and strategies can provide a framework for respectful and thoughtful conversations and can strengthen relationships.

- Decide on some ground rules
- Listen actively
- Communicate to be understood
- Reject all name calling, belittling, stereotyping and bias
- Pay attention to your feelings and your triggers
- Consider the relationship
- Agree to disagree

For more suggestions for each of these points, please visit: <https://www.adl.org/education/resources/tools-and-strategies/can-we-talk-tips-for-respectful-conversations-in-schools>



LISTEN
ACTIVELY!



COMMUNICATE
TO BE UNDERSTOOD!



REJECT
NAME CALLING!



PAY ATTENTION
TO YOUR
FEELINGS!

Consejos para sostener conversaciones respetuosas en las escuelas, lugares de trabajo y comunidades

Ser capaz de sostener conversaciones respetuosas y educadas es la base de cualquier relación —ya sea que ellas se den en casa, en la escuela, en el trabajo o en las comunidades. Sin embargo, cuando surge una controversia o conflicto, las discusiones rápidamente pueden polarizarse, acalorarse y volverse personales, y ello hace que sea muy difícil sostener una conversación en la que se ventilen y discutan diferentes puntos de vista. Tales conversaciones pueden ser sobre algo controvertido —como la política o políticas, los temas en las noticias, dilemas morales o sobre algo aparentemente neutral. Para que podamos mantener un diálogo entre opiniones divergentes, ampliar nuestro propio pensamiento e identificar áreas en común, primero tenemos que aprender a hablar entre nosotros para poder escuchar y entender nuestras diferentes perspectivas. Estos consejos y estrategias pueden ser un marco para conversaciones respetuosas y reflexivas, y pueden fortalecer las relaciones.

- Establezcan algunas reglas básicas
- Escuche activamente
- Comuníquese para ser entendido
- Rechace todo tipo de insultos, menosprecios, estereotipos y prejuicios
- Preste atención a sus sentimientos y a sus factores de encadenantes
- Considere la relación
- Esté de acuerdo en no estar de acuerdo

Para más sugerencias sobre cada uno de estos puntos, por favor visite: <https://www.adl.org/education/resources/tools-and-strategies/can-we-talk-tips-for-respectful-conversations-in-schools>

AUGUST 2020



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"PEOPLE RISE OUT OF THE ASHES BECAUSE, AT SOME POINT, THEY ARE INVESTED WITH A BELIEF IN THE POSSIBILITY OF TRIUMPH OVER SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE ODDS."

—ROBERT DOWNEY, JR.






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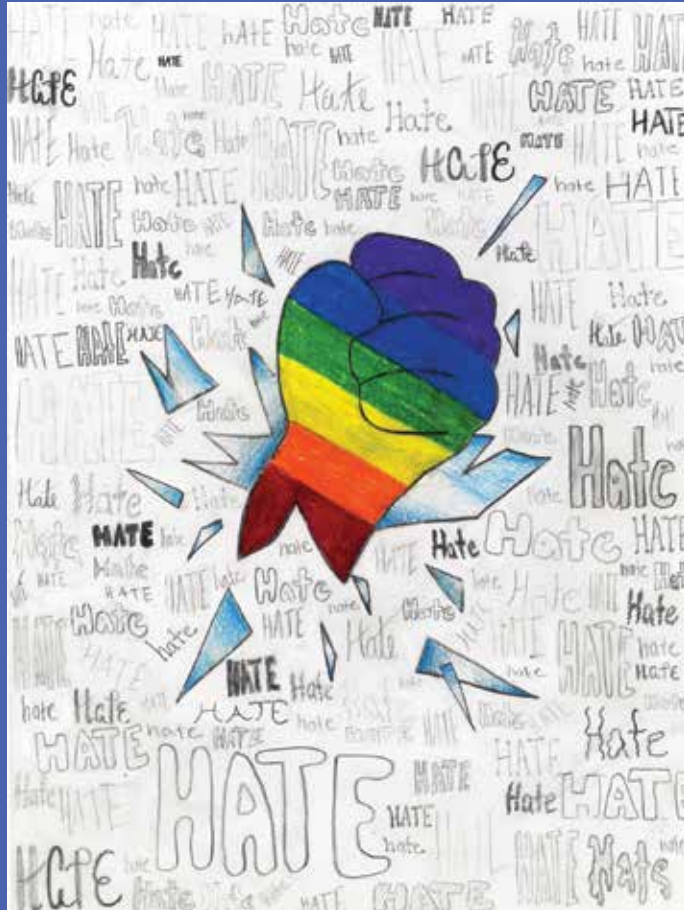
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9  INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES	10	11	12  KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI (JAYANTI) Hindu INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 MUHARRAM Islamic	21 SENIOR CITIZEN DAY	22  GANESH CHATURTHI Hindu
23 INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE SLAVE TRADE AND ITS ABOLITION	24 30	25 31	26  WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY	27	28	29 ASHURA Islamic



Student Art Contest **WINNERS**



Middle School First Place Winner —
Tess W., 7th grade, Louisville Middle School
Breaking Through Hate



Middle School Second Place Winner —
Tatum C., 7th grade, Louisville Middle School
Tree of Togetherness

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHARITY

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LABOR DAY

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INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

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NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
Sept. 15-Oct. 15

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CONSTITUTION DAY AND CITIZENSHIP DAY

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ROSH HASHANAH (Jewish)
September 19-20

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AUTUMNAL EQUINOX

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BI VISIBILITY DAY

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YOM KIPPUR
Jewish

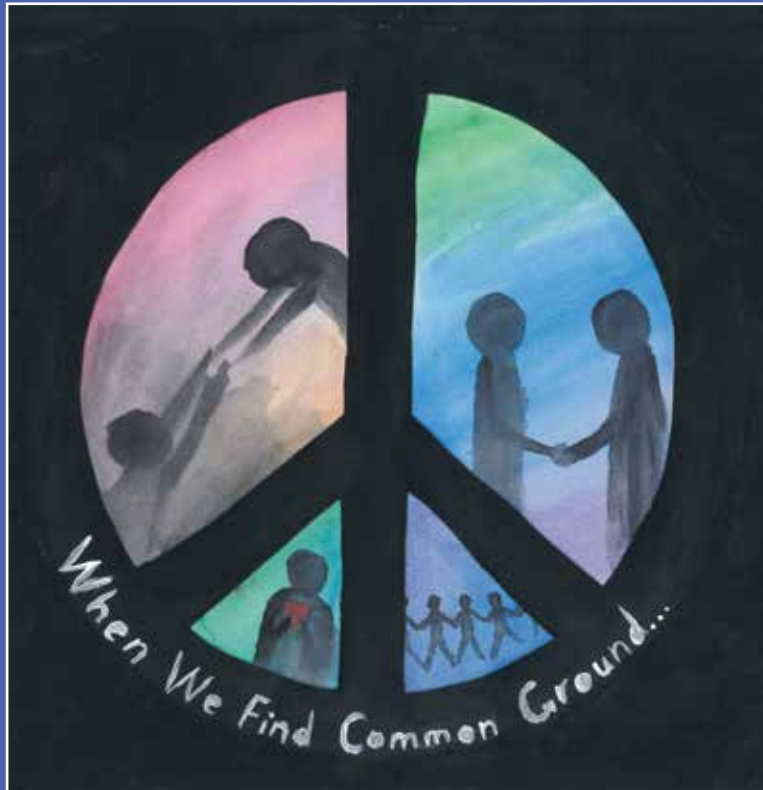
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“WHEN YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO INFLUENCE A LARGE MASS OF PEOPLE, I’D WANT TO BE PART OF THE EVOLVING CYCLE OF PROGRESS VS. KEEPING THINGS THE WAY THAT THEY ARE.”

—ZOE SALDANA

Student
Art Contest
WINNERS



High School Second Place Winner —
Yuri S., 9th grade, Boulder High School
When We Find Common Ground



Middle School Third Place Winner —
Reagan A., 8th grade, Murphy Creek P-8
United as One

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"IT'S INDIFFERENCE AND IGNORANCE THAT STOPS PEOPLE FROM DOING THE RIGHT THING."
—DIEGO LUNA

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1 NAT. DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH Oct. 1-31
NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH Oct. 1-31
LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH Oct. 1-31

2 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE

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 WORLD TEACHER'S DAY

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 SUKKOT (Jewish) October 3-9

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 SHEMINI ATZERET
 Jewish

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 COMING OUT DAY
 SIMCHAT TORAH Jewish

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 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY (NATIVE AMERICAN DAY)

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 INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY

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 BIRTH OF THE BÁB Bahá'í

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 BIRTH OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH Bahá'í

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 GUR-GADDI GURU GRANTH SAHIB Sikh

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 UNITED NATIONS DAY

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 DUSSEHRA/ DASSERA Hindu

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 MAWLID AL-NABI Islamic (Sunni)

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 HALLOWEEN REFORMATION DAY Christian



Student
Art Contest
WINNER



Lower Elementary Second Place Winner
Yestenie C., 2nd grade, Emerald Elementary
We Are No Place for Hate

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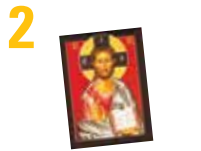
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"I THINK A LOT OF THE SOURCE OF HOW PEOPLE ARE TREATED DEPENDS ON IF SOMEONE RECOGNIZES THEM AS A HUMAN BEING OR NOT."
—RYAN COOGLER



NO PLACE FOR HATE®

Empowered Voices to Challenge Bias

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Voces con el poder de desafiar los prejuicios



ADL has learned that promoting sustainable, positive change in a school climate is a continual process rather than a final destination. ADL's No Place for Hate® program is a school climate improvement framework that provides K-12 schools with an organizing framework for combating bias, bullying and hatred, which can lead to long-term solutions to foster and maintain a positive school culture. No Place for Hate schools receive their designation in the following ways:

- Building inclusive and safe communities in which respect is the goal and where all students can thrive.
- Empowering students, faculty, administration and family members to take a stand against hate and bullying by incorporating new and existing programs under one powerful message.
- Sending a clear, unified message that all students have a place where they belong.

The most successful No Place for Hate schools make their program visible, create a community language, incorporate elements within their curriculum and weave their message of respect into the fabric of daily school life.

Interested in learning more about No Place for Hate®?
Contact ADL at 303-830-7177, or visit Mountainstates.adl.org/noplaceforhate.



"No Place for Hate® helped us continue to keep the conversations about kindness and being inclusive at the forefront." —ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EDUCATOR

"No Place for Hate® nos ayudó a mantener en primer plano las conversaciones sobre la bondad y la inclusión." —EDUCADOR DE LA ESCUELA PRIMARIA



La ADL ha aprendido que promover un cambio positivo y sostenible en el ambiente escolar es un proceso continuo y no un destino final. El programa No Place for Hate® de la ADL es una estrategia para mejorar el ambiente escolar que ofrece a las escuelas K-12 un marco de organización para combatir los prejuicios, la intimidación y el odio, lo cual puede llevar a soluciones a largo plazo para fomentar y mantener una cultura escolar positiva. Las escuelas de No Place for Hate reciben su designación por las siguientes características:

- Construir comunidades inclusivas y seguras, en las que el respeto es la meta y en las que todos los estudiantes puedan prosperar.
- Empoderar a los estudiantes, profesores, administración y miembros de la familia para que desafíen el odio y la intimidación incorporando programas nuevos y existentes bajo un mensaje poderoso.
- Enviar el mensaje claro y unificado de que todos los estudiantes tienen un lugar al que pertenecen.

Las escuelas No Place for Hate más exitosas hacen visible su programa, crean un lenguaje comunitario, incorporan elementos dentro de su currículo y entretienen su mensaje de respeto en todos los ámbitos de la vida diaria en la escuela.

¿Está interesado en aprender más sobre No Place for Hate? Contacte a la ADL en el teléfono 303-830-7177; o visite Mountainstates.adl.org/noplaceforhate.

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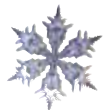


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"NEVER BE ASHAMED OF WHAT OR HOW YOU FEEL ... JUST BE HONEST."
—JAIMIE ALEXANDER



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“WE LIVE IN A DIVERSE SOCIETY –
IN FACT, A DIVERSE WORLD –
AND WE MUST LEARN TO LIVE
IN PEACE AND WITH RESPECT
FOR EACH OTHER.”

—STAN LEE



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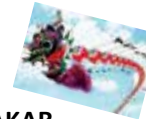
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NO NAME-CALLING WEEK January 18-22

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MAHAYANA
NEW YEAR
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Calendar of OBSERVANCES



The increasingly pluralistic population of the United States is made up of many different ethnic, cultural, faith and religious communities. To enhance mutual understanding and respect among the various groups, ADL offers this Calendar of Observances as a tool to increase awareness and sensitivity about religious obligations, as well as ethnic and cultural festivities that may affect students, colleagues and neighbors in your community.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVATIONS

The calendar includes significant religious observances of the major faiths represented in the United States and can be used as a resource when planning school exam schedules and school activities, or when scheduling workplace festivities and community events. **Note that Bahá'í, Jewish and Islamic holidays begin at sundown the previous day and end at sundown on the date listed.**

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAYS

The calendar notes U.S. holidays that are either legal holidays or observed in various states and communities throughout the country. Important national and international observances that may be commemorated in the U.S. are also included.

CALENDAR SYSTEM

The dates of secular holidays are based on the commonly used Gregorian calendar. Many religions and cultures follow various traditional calendar systems that are often based on the phases of the moon with occasional adjustments for the solar cycle. Therefore, specific Gregorian calendar dates for these observances will differ from year to year. In addition, calculation of specific dates may vary by geographical location and according to different sects within a given religion.

ADA (AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT) DAY • Commemorates the 1990 signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which guarantees equal opportunity for people with disabilities.

ADVENT (Christian) • Advent is a season of spiritual preparation in observance of the birth of Jesus. In Western Christianity, it starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. In Eastern Christianity, the season is longer and begins in the middle of November.

ALL SAINTS' DAY (Eastern Christian) • In Orthodox churches observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost, it commemorates all known and unknown Christian saints.

ALL SAINTS' DAY (Western Christian) • Commemorates all known and unknown Christian saints. Eastern Christianity observes it on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

ALL SOULS' DAY (Christian) • Commemoration of all faithful Christians who are now dead. In Mexican tradition it is celebrated as *Día de los Muertos* between October 31 and November 2, and is an occasion to remember dead ancestors and celebrate the continuity of life.

ANNE FRANK DAY • Birthday of young Jewish girl whose diary describes her family's experiences hiding from the Nazis through assistance of gentile friends.

ANNIVERSARY OF LEGALIZATION OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN THE UNITED STATES • On June 26, 2015, in the case of *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the Supreme Court ruled that the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK • Celebrates public education and honors individuals who are making a difference in ensuring every child in the U.S. receives a quality education.

ARMENIAN MARTYRS' DAY • Memorializes the genocide of approximately 1.5 million Armenians between 1915 and 1923 in Turkey.

ASCENSION DAY (Christian) • Celebrated 40 days after Easter/Pascha, it commemorates the ascension of Jesus into Heaven.

ASCENSION OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH (Bahá'í) • Observance of the anniversary of the death in exile of Bahá'u'lláh, the prophet-founder of the Bahá'í Faith.

ASH WEDNESDAY (Western Christian) • The first day of Lent for Western Christian churches, a 40-day period of spiritual preparation for Easter, not counting Sundays.

ASHURA (Islamic) • A day of fasting observed on the 10th day of the month of Muharram to celebrate Moses' exodus from Egypt. For Shi'a Muslims, it also marks the climax of the ten-day Remembrance of Muharram, which mourns the martyrdom of Hussein at the Battle of Kerbala in 680 CE.

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH • Recognizes the contributions and celebrates the culture of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

AUTUMNAL EQUINOX • Marks the first day of the season of fall. The sun shines nearly equally on both hemispheres when it's fall in the Northern Hemisphere and simultaneously spring in the Southern Hemisphere.

AYYÁM-I-HA OR INTERCALARY DAYS (Bahá'í) • The Ayyám-i-ha, or "Days of Ha," are devoted to spiritual preparation for the fast, celebrating, hospitality, charity and gift giving. They are celebrated the four days, five in leap year, before the last month of the Bahá'í year.

BANDI-CHHOR DIWAS (Sikh) • A commemorative occasion having no fixed date which occurs in October or November

and celebrates the release of the Sixth Guru Har Gobind Sahib from imprisonment and coincides with Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights.

BI VISIBILITY DAY • Seeks to draw attention to public policy concerns and foster respect for bi+ individuals and communities.

BILL OF RIGHTS DAY • Commemorates the signing into law of the ten original amendments of the United States Constitution in 1791.

BIRTH OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH (Bahá'í) • Observance of the anniversary of the birth in 1817 of Bahá'u'lláh, prophet-founder of the Bahá'í Faith, in Núr, Persia.

BIRTH OF THE BÁB (Bahá'í) • Bahá'í observance of the anniversary of the birth in 1819 of Siyyid, "the Báb," the prophet-herald of the Bahá'í Faith, in Shiráz, Persia.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH • Celebrates Black History and African American culture in the United States.

BODHI DAY (Buddhist) • Also known as *Rohatsu*, commemorates the day that the Buddha, Siddharta Gautama, experienced enlightenment or spiritual awakening (bodhi). Celebrated on the eighth day of December or the 12th month of the lunar calendar.

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.

CHANUKAH (Jewish) • Eight-day "Festival of Lights," also known as *Hanukkah*, celebrating the rededication of the Temple to the service of God in 164 BCE. Commemorates the victory of the Maccabees over the Greek King, Antiochus, who sought to suppress freedom of worship.

CHRISTMAS (Armenian Orthodox Christian) •

Armenian Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus on Epiphany, except for Armenians living in Israel, who celebrate Christmas on January 19th.

CHRISTMAS (Eastern Christian) •

Most Orthodox churches celebrate Christmas 13 days later than other Christian churches based on their use of the Julian rather than the Gregorian version of the Western calendar.

CHRISTMAS (Western Christian) •

Commemorates the birth of Jesus.

CHRISTMAS EVE (Christian) •

Celebration of the arrival of Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus.

CINCO DE MAYO • In 1862 Mexican forces defeated French occupational forces in the Battle of Puebla.

CLEAN MONDAY (Eastern Christian) •

The beginning of *Great Lent* for Eastern Christian churches, which starts 40 days before Orthodox Easter (*Pascha*), counting Sundays.

COMING OUT DAY • Encourages honesty and openness about being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. Commemorates October 11, 1987, when 500,000 people marched on Washington, DC, for gay and lesbian equality.

CONSTITUTION DAY AND CITIZENSHIP DAY •

Commemorates the ratification of the United States Constitution in 1787. Also honors all who have become U.S. citizens.

DAY OF SILENCE • Students take a day-long vow of silence to protest the actual silencing of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students and their straight allies due to bias and harassment.

DAY OF THE COVENANT (Bahá'í) • Festival observed to commemorate Bahá'u'lláh's appointment of His son, Abdu'l-Baha, as His successor.

DECLARATION OF THE BÁB (Bahá'í) •

Commemoration of May 23, 1844, when the Báb, the prophet-herald of the Bahá'í Faith, announced in Shíráz, Persia, that he was the herald of a new messenger of God.

DHARMA DAY (Buddhist) • Also known as *Asala Puja*, it commemorates the historical Buddha's

first discourse following his spiritual awakening.

DIWALI (Hindu) • Also called *Deepavali*, "Festival of Lights," it celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness, and knowledge over ignorance.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S BIRTHDAY •

The birthday of civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is on January 15 but it is observed on the third Monday in January.

DUSSEHRA/DASSERA (Hindu) • Anniversary of the day when Rama killed the evil demon Ravana. Also known as *Durga Puja*, which celebrates the goddess Durga.

EASTER (Christian) • Known as *Pascha* in Eastern Christianity; celebrates the resurrection of Jesus.

EID AL-ADHA (Islamic) • Commemoration of Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son in obedience of a command from God. Marks the end of the annual Hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca).

EID AL-FITR (Islamic) • The "Feast of the Breaking of the Fast" marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting from dawn until dusk.

ELECTION DAY • A day set by U.S. law for the election of public officials.

EPIPHANY (Christian) • Known as *Theophany* in Eastern Christianity, it celebrates the manifestation of Jesus as Christ. In addition, the Western Church associates Epiphany with the journey of the Magi to the infant Jesus, and the Eastern Church with the baptism of Jesus by John.

FATHER'S DAY • Children of all ages show appreciation for their fathers and father figures.

FESTIVAL OF RIDVÁN (Bahá'í) • Annual festival commemorating the 12 days when Bahá'u'lláh, the prophet-founder of the Bahá'í Faith, resided in a garden called Ridván (Paradise) and publicly proclaimed His mission as God's messenger for this age. The first (April 20), ninth (April 28), and twelfth (May 1) days are celebrated as holy days when Baha'is suspend work.

FLAG DAY • Anniversary of the adoption of the United States flag by Congress in 1777.

GANESH CHATURTHI (Hindu) • Celebrates the birthday of Ganesha, the elephant-deity.

GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH • A month that marks important anniversaries for past and contemporary genocides. Throughout the month, individuals, communities and organizations join together to commemorate and honor victims and survivors of mass atrocities.

GOOD FRIDAY (Christian) • Known as *Holy Friday* in Eastern Christianity, it commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus on the Friday before Easter/Pascha.

GUR-GADDI GURU GRANTH SAHIB (Sikh) •

Since 1708, Sikhs have accepted Sri Guru Granth Sahib as their eternal Guru that holds the spirit of all Ten Gurus of the Sikhs. They consider Guru Granth Sahib to be a spiritual guide not only for Sikhs but for all of mankind; it plays a central role in guiding the Sikhs' way of life.

GURU GOBIND SINGH JI'S BIRTHDAY (Sikh) •

Guru Gobind Singh was the 10th Sikh guru of Nanak and founder of the Khalsa.

GURU NANAK DEV JI'S BIRTHDAY (Sikh) •

A very important holiday in the Sikh faith as Guru Nanak Dev Ji was the First Guru of the Sikhs and the Founder of Sikhism. He was born in mid-November; the holiday is celebrated according to the lunar date.

HALLOWEEN • The eve of All Saints' Day.

HOLI (Hindu) • A spring festival in India and Nepal dedicated to the god of pleasure, also known as the festival of colours or the festival of sharing love.

HOLLA MOHALLA (Sikh) • An annual martial arts parade historically coinciding with Holi, the Hindu festival of colors. Celebrations related to Holla Mohalla may be held in various locations over several weekends preceding the actual date of the holiday.

HOLY THURSDAY (Christian) • Also known as *Maundy Thursday*, it is celebrated on the Thursday before Easter commemorating the Last Supper, at which Jesus and the Apostles were together for the last time before the Crucifixion.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY • On this day in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY (Native American Day) • Celebrates and honors Native American history and culture. (The second Monday of October is also marked as a U.S. federal holiday, Columbus Day. Many people are opposed to the celebration of a man who led and committed atrocities against Indigenous people. Some states and cities in the U.S. have officially changed the day to Indigenous People's Day. Similarly, it is celebrated as *Día de la Raza*, "Day of the Race," in Spanish-speaking countries and communities.)

INDEPENDENCE DAY • Anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence in 1776.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION • Call to action to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination worldwide.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY • Call to action for the eradication of poverty and destitution worldwide.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE SLAVE TRADE AND ITS ABOLITION • Memorializes the tragedy of the transatlantic slave trade, coinciding with the anniversary of the uprising in Santo Domingo (today Haiti and the Dominican Republic) that initiated its abolition.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR TOLERANCE • Emphasizes the dangers of intolerance and is a call to action for the advancement of human welfare, freedom and progress everywhere, as well as a day to encourage tolerance, respect, dialogue and cooperation among different cultures and peoples.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHARITY • Recognizes the role of charity in alleviating human suffering, as well as of the efforts of charitable organizations and individuals, including the work of Mother Teresa.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE • Marked on the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence, a U.N commemoration promoting the principle of non-violence and the desire to secure a culture of peace, tolerance and understanding.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES • Raises awareness about persons with disabilities in order to improve their lives and provide them with equal opportunity.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES • Celebrates the richness of indigenous cultures and recognizes the challenges indigenous peoples face today, ranging from poverty and disease to dispossession, discrimination and denial of basic human rights.

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY • Call to action for universal literacy.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY • Celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women worldwide.

INTERNATIONAL WORKER'S DAY • Also known as *May Day*, it celebrates the social and economic achievements of workers worldwide. The day commemorates the Haymarket Riot of 1886 in Chicago, in which police and protesters clashed following a workers' strike for an eight-hour work day.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY • Celebrates young people and the integral role they play in helping to create a world fit for children.

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH • Recognizes the history of Jewish contributions to American culture, acknowledging the diverse achievements of American Jews.

JUNETEENTH • Originally commemorating the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas in 1865, it is now celebrated throughout the U.S. to honor African-American freedom and achievement.

KHORDAD SAL (Zoroastrian) • The Zoroastrian celebration of the birth of Zoroaster, the founder of the Zoroastrianism religion. The holiday is specifically celebrated in India and Iran, immediately following the Persian new year, Nowrúz.

KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI (Also known as JAYANTI) (Hindu) • Celebrates Krishna's birthday, Vishnu's eighth incarnation on earth.

KWANZAA • A seven-day celebration honoring African American heritage and its continued vitality. "Kwanzaa" means "first fruits (of the harvest)" in Swahili.

LABOR DAY • Celebrated the first Monday in September in recognition of U.S. workers.

LAG B'OMER (Jewish) • Celebrates the end of a divine-sent plague and/or Roman occupation during Rabbi Akiva's lifetime (died c. 135 CE).

LAILA AL-QADR (Islamic) • Commemorates the night that the Qur'an was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. It is known as the "Night of Power." Often set on the 27th day of Ramadan, Sunnis may observe it on the 21st, 23rd, 25th or 29th and Shi'ite (Shiite) observe it on the 19th, 21st or 23rd day of Ramadan.

LGBT HISTORY MONTH • Marks and celebrates the lives and achievements of lesbian, gay bisexual and transgender people in the United States.

LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH • Commemorates the anniversary of the June 28, 1969 Stonewall riot in New York City, the incident that initiated the modern gay rights movement in the United States. Pride Day is the last Sunday in June.

LOVING DAY • Observes the anniversary of the 1967 United States Supreme Court decision *Loving v. Virginia*, which struck down the miscegenation laws remaining in 16 states barring interracial marriage.

LUNAR NEW YEAR (Confucian, Daoist and Buddhist) • Also known as the Spring Festival, an important festival celebrated at the turn of the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar.

MAGHA PUJA (Buddhist) • Also known as *Sangha Day*, it commemorates the spontaneous assembly of 1,250 arahants, completely enlightened monks, in the historical Buddha's presence.

MAHA SHIVARATRI (Hindu) • Also called *Shiva Ratri*, the Great Night of Shiva, is a festival in reverence of the god Shiva, celebrated at the 13th night or 14th day of the waning moon in the Hindu calendar (February or March of the English calendar).

MAHAYANA NEW YEAR (Buddhist) • In Mahayana countries, the New Year starts on the first full moon day in January.

MAKAR SANKRANTI (Hindu) • Seasonal celebration marking turning of the sun toward the north.

MARTYRDOM OF THE BÁB (Bahá'í) • Observance of the anniversary of the execution by a firing squad in Tabriz, Persia, of the 30-year-old Siyyid 'Alí-Muhammad, the Báb, the prophet-herald of the Bahá'í Faith.

MEMORIAL DAY • A federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces.

MAWLID AL-NABI, also known as **MILAD AL-NABI (Islamic)** • The observance of the birthday of Islam founder Prophet Muhammad, which is celebrated in Rabi' al-awwal, the third month in the Islamic calendar. Shi'a Muslims celebrate it five days later than Sunni Muslims.

MOTHER'S DAY • Children of all ages show appreciation for their mothers and mother figures.

MUHARRAM (Islamic) • The month of Muharram marks the beginning of the Islamic liturgical year. The first day, al-Hijra, remembers the migration of Muhammad and his followers from Mecca to Medina in 622 CE. It also marks the beginning of the ten-day Shi'ite Remembrance of Muharram, a period of intense grief and mourning of the martyrdom of Hussein, the son of Ali and grandson of Muhammad.

NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH • Celebrates and honors the history and culture of Native Americans and indigenous people in the United States.

NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH • A campaign to unite communities nationwide to educate and raise awareness of bullying prevention.

NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH • Recognizes the contributions of workers with disabilities.

NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY • Commemorates the signing of the 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery in 1865.

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH • Celebrates the contributions, heritage and culture of Hispanic and Latino Americans.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH • Honors women as significant agents of historical change.

NAVARATRI (Hindu) • Nine-day festival celebrating the triumph of good over evil. It worships God in the form of the universal mother commonly referred to as Durga, Devi or Shakti, and marks the start of fall.

NEW YEAR'S DAY • The first day of the year in the Gregorian calendar, commonly used for civil dating purposes.

NEW YEAR'S EVE • In the Gregorian calendar, New Year's Eve, the last day of the year, is on December 31. In many countries, New Year's Eve is celebrated at evening social gatherings, where many people dance, eat, drink, etc.

NINETEEN-DAY FAST (Bahá'í) • Baha'is between 15 and 70 years of age do not eat or drink from sunrise to sunset and set aside time for prayer and meditation.

NIRVANA DAY (Buddhist) • Celebrates the day when the historical Buddha achieved Parinirvana, or complete Nirvana, upon the death of his physical body. Sometimes celebrated on Feb. 8.

NO NAME-CALLING WEEK • Annual week of educational activities aimed at ending name-calling and bullying of all kinds.

NOWRÚZ (Zoroastrian) • 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 (Naw-Ruz).

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (Christian) • Celebrates the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (by her title, Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of Mexico and the Americas) before Juan Diego, an indigenous convert to Roman Catholicism, on the Mexican hill of Tepeyac in 1531.

PALM SUNDAY (Christian) • Observed the Sunday before Easter/Pascha to commemorate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

PASSOVER/PESACH (Jewish) • The eight-day "Feast of Unleavened Bread" celebrates Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage.

PENTECOST (Christian) • Also known as *Whitsunday*, the seventh Sunday after Easter/Pascha commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and women followers of Jesus. Marks the birth of the Christian Church.

PRESIDENTS' DAY • Honors all past presidents of the United States of America.

PURIM (Jewish) • The “Feast of Lots” marks the salvation of the Jews of ancient Persia from extermination.

RACE UNITY DAY (Bahá'í) • Observance promoting racial harmony and understanding and the essential unity of humanity.

RAKSHA BANDHAN (Hindu) • Also called *Rakhi*, this festival celebrates the protective relationship between brothers and their sisters.

RAMADAN (Islamic) • Observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting to commemorate the first revelation of the *Qur'an* to the Prophet Muhammad.

RAMA NAVAMI (Hindu) • Celebrates the birthday of Rama, king of ancient India, hero of the epic Ramayana, and seventh incarnation of Vishnu.

REFORMATION DAY (Christian) • Commemorates the beginning of the Protestant Reformation in 1517.

ROSH HASHANAH (Jewish) • Beginning of the Jewish New Year and first of the High Holy Days, which marks the beginning of a ten-day period of penitence and spiritual renewal.

SENIOR CITIZEN DAY • Recognizes the many contributions older adults make in communities across the United States.

SHAVUOT (Jewish) • The “Feast of Weeks” celebrates the covenant established at Sinai between God and Israel, and the revelation of the Ten Commandments.

SHEMINI ATZERET (Jewish) • “The Eighth (Day) of Assembly” is observed on the day immediately following Sukkot.

SHROVE TUESDAY (Western Christian) • A day of penitence as well as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. Also known as Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday and Carnival Day as this day is observed in many ways worldwide.

SIMCHAT TORAH (Jewish) • “Rejoicing in the Torah” celebrates the conclusion of the public reading of the Pentateuch and its beginning anew.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY (Christian) • Feast day of the patron saint of Ireland. In the U.S., a secular version is celebrated by people of all faiths through appreciation of all things Irish.

SUKKOT (Jewish) • The week-long “Feast of Booths” commemorates the 40-year wandering of the Israelites in the desert on the way to the Promised Land.

SUMMER SOLSTICE • Marks the first day of the season of summer. The length of time between sunrise and sunset is the longest of the year with the sun shining the farthest from the Southern Hemisphere and the closest to the Northern Hemisphere.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY DAY • A commemorative holiday to celebrate the birth of Susan B. Anthony (1820–1906) and women's suffrage in the U.S.

THANKSGIVING DAY • Following a 19th century tradition, it commemorates the Pilgrims' harvest feast in the autumn of 1621. It is considered by some to be a “national day of mourning,” in recognition of the conquest of Native Americans by colonists.

THERAVADA NEW YEAR (Buddhist) • In Theravada countries, the New Year is celebrated on the first full moon day in April.

TISHA B'AV (Jewish) • Mourning of the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem in 586 BCE and 70 CE.

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE • Memorializes those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice.

TU B'SHVAT (Jewish) • New Year's Day for Trees, and traditionally the first of the year for tithing fruit of trees. Now a day for environmental awareness and action, such as tree planting.

ULLAMBANA (also known as Obon) (Buddhist) • Ullambana, a Sanskrit term that means “hanging upside down and suffering,” honors the spirits of past ancestors and strives to relieve aching souls from suffering. It lasts about half of the month of August. Obon, the Japanese transliteration of Ullambana, is only three days and varies from region to region—July in the eastern region and August in the western region.

UN HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY • Annual International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust coinciding with the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp in 1945.

UNITED NATIONS DAY • Commemorates the founding of the world organization in 1945.

VAISAKHI (also spelled Baisakhi) (Sikh) • The festival which celebrates the founding of the Sikh community as the Khalsa (community of the initiated). On this day, Sikhs gather and celebrate Vaisakhi at their local Gurdwaras (Sikh house of worship) by remembering this day as the birth of the Khalsa.

VALENTINE'S DAY • Celebrates the idea of romantic love.

VERNAL EQUINOX • Marks the first day of the season of spring. The sun shines nearly equally on both hemispheres when it's spring in the Northern Hemisphere and simultaneously fall in the Southern Hemisphere.

VETERANS' DAY • Honors military veterans and the U.S. Armed Services.

VISAKHA PUJA (Buddhist) • Also known as Vesak or Buddha Day, it marks the birth, spiritual awakening and death (nirvana) of the historical Buddha.

WINTER SOLSTICE • Marks the first day of the season of winter. The length of time between sunrise and sunset is the shortest of the year with the sun shining closest to the Southern Hemisphere and the farthest from the Northern Hemisphere.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY • Commemorates the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote.

WORLD AIDS DAY • International day of action on HIV and AIDS.

WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY • Recognizes cultural diversity as a source of innovation, exchange and creativity, as well as the obligation to create a more peaceful and equitable society based on mutual respect.

WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE • U.N. day to recognize efforts to achieve fair outcomes for all through employment, social protection, social dialogue, and fundamental principles and rights at work.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (WED) • The United Nations' most important day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment.

WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY • Serves as an occasion to inform the public of violations of the right to freedom of expression and as a reminder that many journalists brave death or jail to bring people their daily news.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY • Raises awareness about the plight of refugees and displaced persons.

WORLD RELIGION DAY (Bahá'í) • Observance to proclaim the oneness of religion and the belief that world religion will unify the peoples of the earth.

WORLD TEACHER'S DAY • Held annually to commemorate teacher organizations worldwide.

WOUNDED KNEE DAY • On December 29, 1890 more than 200 Lakota Sioux were massacred by U.S. troops at Wounded Knee in South Dakota.

YOM HASHOAH (Jewish) • “Holocaust Remembrance Day” memorializes the heroic martyrdom of six million Jews who perished in the Nazi Holocaust.

YOM KIPPUR (Jewish) • The “Day of Atonement” marks the end of the Ten Days of Penitence that begin with Rosh Hashanah.

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