



CULTURAL

OBSERVANCES

AND AWARENESS EVENTS

OBSERVANCE/AWARENESS EVENT	DATE	AUTHORIZATION
Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday	16 January 2018	Public Law 98-144
National African American/Black History Month	1-28 February 2018	Public Law 99-244
Women's History Month	1-31 March 2018	Public Law 100-9
Holocaust Remembrance Day Days of Remembrance	12 April 2018 8 – 15 April 2018	Public Law 96-388
Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month	1-31 May 2018	Title 36, U.S. Code, Section 102
Women's Equality Day	26 August 2018	Public Law 93-105
National Hispanic Heritage Month	15 September- 15 October 2018	Title 36, U.S. Code, Section 126
National Disability Employment Awareness Month	1-31 October 2018	Title 36, U.S. Code, Section 121
National American Indian Heritage Month	1-30 November 2018	Public Law 103-462

PLEASE NOTE: DEOMI lists only observances established by law, bill, or resolution of Congress. DEOMI does not create themes, except for Days of Remembrance. Nothing precludes an organization from creating their own theme or using previously published themes. Organizations are not required to limit their special observances to just those reflected here. Organizations are reminded that special observances are conducted to recognize the continuous achievements of all Americans to American culture and to increase awareness, mutual respect, and understanding. They are designed to enhance cross-cultural and cross-gender awareness and promote harmony among all military members, their families, and the DOD civilian workforce. For more information about how to conduct a special observance, please visit: www.deomi.org.