

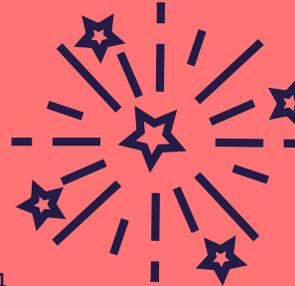
2026 Recognition Calendar

Plan meaningful appreciation moments all year long with this 2026 Recognition Calendar. Use it to stay ahead of key dates and create intentional touchpoints that uplift your employees. Don't miss the opportunity to recognize and inspire your team.

January

National Mentoring Month, Poverty Awareness Month and Mental Wellness Month

- New Year's Day – Thursday, 1/1
- Law Enforcement Appreciation Day – Friday, 1/9
- International Thank You Day – Sunday, 1/11
- Pharmacist Day – Monday, 1/12
- Make Your Dreams Come True Day – Tuesday, 1/13
- Makar Sankranti/Pongal/Lohri – Wednesday, 1/13 to 1/14
- International Mentoring Day – Saturday, 1/17
- Compliment Day – Saturday, 1/24
- National Fun at Work Day – Friday, 1/30



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February

African American History Month, American Health Month, National Women Inventors Month and American Heart Month

- Women Physicians Day – Tuesday, 2/3
- World Cancer Day – Wednesday, 2/4
- National Send a Card to a Friend Day – Saturday, 2/7
- National Pizza Day – Monday, 2/9
- Cardiovascular Professionals Week – Monday, 2/9 to Sunday, 2/15
- Valentine's Day – Saturday, 2/14
- Engineers Week – Sunday, 2/15 to Saturday, 2/21
- President's Day – Monday, 2/16
- Lunar New Year – Tuesday, 2/17
- Random Acts of Kindness Day – Tuesday, 2/17
- Ramadan – Wednesday, 2/18 to Thursday, 3/19
- National Caregivers Day – Friday, 2/20

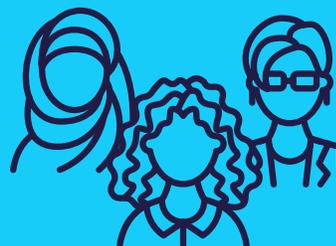


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March

National Women's History Month and National Reading Month

- World Compliment Day – Sunday, 3/1
- Holi (Festival of Colors) – Tuesday, 3/3
- Employee Appreciation Day – Friday, 3/6
- International Women's Day – Sunday, 3/8
- National Good Samaritan Day – Friday, 3/13
- St. Patrick's Day – Tuesday, 3/17
- Transit Driver Appreciation Day – Wednesday, 3/18
- Certified Nurses Day – Thursday, 3/19
- National Doctor's Day – Monday, 3/30



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As April, May, and June unfold, so do opportunities to strengthen relationships and show appreciation for the people who make your organization thrive. This season shines a light on wellness, gratitude, and meaningful human connection. Embrace these moments to inspire your team with recognition that feels genuine and impactful.

April

Stress Awareness Month, Volunteer Appreciation Month and National Card and Letter Writing Month

- Walking Day – Wednesday, 4/1
- World Health Day – Tuesday, 4/7
- Global Work from Home Day – Friday, 4/10
- National Pet Day – Saturday, 4/11
- Volunteer Week – Sunday, 4/19 to Saturday, 4/25
- Lineman Appreciation Day – Saturday, 4/18
- Earth Day – Wednesday, 4/22
- Administrative Professionals Day – Wednesday, 4/22
- Bring Your Child to Work Day – Thursday, 4/23



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May

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, National Mental Health Month and National Physical Fitness & Sports Month

- National Nurses Week – Wednesday, 5/6 to Tuesday, 5/12
- Mother's Day – Sunday, 5/10
- Receptionist Day – Wednesday, 5/13
- International Day of Families – Friday, 5/15
- Employee Health & Fitness Day – Wednesday, 5/20
- Memorial Day – Monday, 5/25
- World Marketing Day – Wednesday, 5/27
- National Creativity Day – Saturday, 5/30
- National Smile Day – Sunday, 5/31



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June

National Safety Month, Pride Month and Professional Wellness Month

- Leave the Office Early Day – Tuesday, 6/2
- Global Running Day – Wednesday, 6/3
- Cancer Survivors Day – Sunday, 6/7
- Workplace Safety Week – Thursday, 6/11 to Wednesday, 6/17
- World Blood Donor Day – Sunday, 6/14
- Islamic New Year – Tuesday, 6/16
- Juneteenth – Friday, 6/19
- Father's Day – Sunday, 6/21
- National Take Your Dog to Work Day – Friday, 6/26



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These summer and early fall months bring meaningful moments to acknowledge the talents, relationships, and milestones that shape your workplace community. With observances centered on learning, equality, and belonging, this season invites thoughtful appreciation. Let these moments spark recognition that energizes your team.

July

National Anti-Boredom Month and Independent Retailer Month

- Independence Day – Saturday, 7/4
- Embrace Your Geekness Day – Monday, 7/13
- World Listening Day – Saturday, 7/18
- Parents' Day – Sunday, 7/26
- Intern Day – Thursday, 7/30
- International Friendship Day – Thursday, 7/30
- System Administrator Day – Friday, 7/31

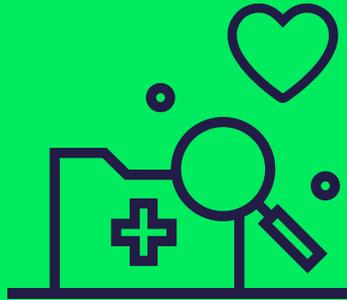


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August

National Wellness Month and Family Fun Month

- World Wide Web Day – Saturday, 8/1
- National Friendship Day – Sunday, 8/2
- International Cat Day – Saturday, 8/8
- Employee Milestones Day – Saturday, 8/15
- Nonprofit Day – Monday, 8/17
- World Humanitarian Day – Wednesday, 8/19
- Milad un Nabi – Tuesday, 8/25
- Women's Equality Day – Wednesday, 8/26
- Eat Outside Day – Monday, 8/31

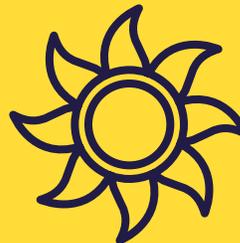


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September

Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15th to October 15th), National Suicide Prevention Month, National Recovery Month, Self-Improvement Month and National Courtesy Month

- Labor Day – Monday, 9/7
- Truck Driver Appreciation Week – Sunday, 9/13 to Saturday 9/19
- Suicide Prevention Day – Thursday, 9/10
- 9/11 Remembrance Day – Friday, 9/11
- Stand Up to Cancer Day – Friday, 9/11
- Positive Thinking Day – Sunday, 9/13
- IT Professionals Day – Tuesday, 9/15
- Working Parents Day – Wednesday, 9/16
- World Gratitude Day – Monday, 9/21
- HR Professional Appreciation Day – Saturday, 9/26



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This final stretch of the year offers meaningful chances to celebrate diversity, honor contributions, and express gratitude across your workplace. With a focus on service, generosity, and community, the season creates natural moments for engagement. Use these months to uplift your team with recognition that resonates.

October

Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Global Diversity Awareness Month and National Disability Employment Awareness Month

- International Coffee Day – Thursday, 10/1
- Manufacturing Day – Friday, 10/2
- Customer Service Week – Monday, 10/5 – Friday, 10/9
- World Mental Health Day – Saturday, 10/10
- Inclusion Day – Saturday, 10/10
- World Food Day – Friday, 10/16
- Boss's Day – Friday, 10/16
- Medical Assistant's Day – Wednesday, 10/21
- First Responders Day – Wednesday, 10/28
- Halloween – Saturday, 10/31
- Día de los Muertos – Saturday, 10/31 to Monday, 11/2



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November

National Gratitude Month and Native American Heritage Month

- Nurse Practitioner Week – Sunday, 11/8 to Saturday, 11/14
- Diwali (Festival of Lights) – Sunday, 11/8
- International Accounting Day – Tuesday, 11/10
- Veteran's Day – Wednesday, 11/11
- World Kindness Day – Friday, 11/13
- National Philanthropy Day – Sunday, 11/15
- National Fast-Food Day – Monday, 11/16
- Thanksgiving – Thursday, 11/26

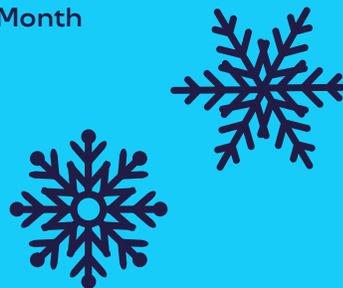


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December

Universal Human Rights Month and National Giving Month

- Giving Tuesday – Tuesday, 12/1
- Make A Gift Day – Thursday, 12/3
- Hanukkah – Friday, 12/4 to Saturday, 12/12
- International Volunteer Day – Saturday, 12/5
- Christmas – Friday, 12/25
- Boxing Day – Saturday, 12/26
- National Thank You Note Day – Saturday, 12/26
- Kwanzaa – Saturday, 12/26 to Friday, 1/1
- National Call a Friend Day – Monday, 12/28



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