

*The New Bedford Human Rights Commission
proudly supports the Diversity and Inclusion of
cultural events and observances within The
City of New Bedford.*

2024 Religious and Cultural Calendar

January 1	New Year's Day
January 15	Martin Luther King Day
January 27	International Holocaust Remembrance Day
February 1-29	Black History Month
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 19	President's Day
March 1-30	Women's History Month
March 11-Apr. 9	Ramadan- Observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, to commemorate the first revelation of the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad.
March 17 th	St. Patrick's Day
March 29	Good Friday
March 24	Palm Sunday
March 31	Easter

April 9 Eid-al-Fitr- The first day of the Islamic month of Shawwal, marking the end of Ramadan.

April 15 Patriot's Day

April 23-30 Passover

May 3 Orthodox Good Friday

May 5 Orthodox Easter Sunday

May 5 Cinco De Mayo

May 12 Mother's Day

May 27 Memorial Day

June 1-30 Pride Month- Commemorates the anniversary of June 28, 1969, Stonewall riot,

Caribbean American Heritage

June 11-13 Shavuot- A Jewish holiday. Celebrates the covenant established at Sinai between God and Israel and the revelation of the ten commandments.

June 14 Flag Day

June 16 Father's Day

June 16-17 Eid al-Adha- 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).

June 19th Juneteenth- Commemorating the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas in 1865, now used to honor African American freedom and achievement. Established in Massachusetts in 2022

July 4 Independence Day

August 25 Women's Equality Day

September 2 Labor Day

September 9-15-
10-15 Hispanic Heritage Month

September 17 Rosh Hashanah- The Jewish New Year celebration, marking the creation of the world.

September 24-25 Yom Kippur- The holiest day on the Jewish calendar, a day of atonement marked by fasting and ceremonial repentance.

September 29-Oct 6 Sukkot- A seven day Jewish festival giving thanks for the fall harvest.

October 3-4 Rosh Hashanah- Beginning of the Jewish New Year and first of the High Holy Days which marks the beginning of 10 day period of penitence.

October 11 Columbus Day- U.S. Holiday

October 11 Indigenous People's Day- Celebrates and honors Native American history and culture.

November 12 Diwali- The Hindu, Jain and Sikh five day festival of lights celebrates new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and lightness over darkness.

November 28 Thanksgiving – U.S. Holiday- For some a day of mourning.

December 7-15 Hanukkah- 8 day festival of lights. Hanukkah celebrates the victory of the Maccabees of Israelites over the Greek Syrian ruler, Antiochus.

December 10- International Human Rights Day- Observed in the city of New Bedford since 2018. A day to educate, celebrate and advocate for the human rights afforded to all, established through the adoption of the Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.

December 26-Jan1 Kwanzaa- An African- American holiday started by Maulana Karenga in 1966 to celebrate universal African American heritage.

December 25 Christmas- Celebrates the birth of Jesus.

