



2010

A Message from Queens Borough President Helen M. Marshall



It gives me great pleasure to offer you this 2010 Diversity Calendar! In addition to civic observances, the calendar lists major holidays from the Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, and Buddhist faiths, as well as significant dates for the many populations living and working in Queens. It is a valuable resource for individuals, community groups, government agencies, and businesses in the Borough and beyond.

This calendar is a project of the Queens General Assembly, a core initiative of my Marshall Plan, which brings together long-time residents and recent immigrants from around the Borough. These appointed Delegates meet on a regular basis to learn about each other's cultures, and to address Quality of Life issues that we all have in common. My Delegates and I are proud to share this calendar as a brochure and with a wider audience via the Internet! Please visit my web site, www.queensbp.org, then click on "Queens General Assembly" to find the calendar and additional resources.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you and yours a Happy, Healthy, and Peaceful New Year.

Sincerely,

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President of the Borough of Queens

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JANUARY	2010
1	New Year's Day
1	Kwanzaa ends
1	Independence Day (Haiti)
5	Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday (Sikh)
6	Feast of the Epiphany - Three Kings' Day (Christian)
6	Christmas (Armenian)
7	Christmas (Orthodox)
15	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
18	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - observed
29	Tu B'Shvat begins at sundown (Jewish)
30	Tu B'Shvat (Jewish)
30	New Year's Day (Mahayana Buddhist)

FEBRUARY	2010
1	Black History Month begins
2	Groundhog Day (U.S.)
12	Lincoln's Birthday (U.S.)
14	Valentine's Day (U.S.)
14	Lunar New Year - Year of the Tiger
15	Presidents' Day - observed (U.S.)
16	Mardi Gras
17	Ash Wednesday (Christian)
22	Washington's Birthday (U.S.)
25	Fast of Esther (Jewish)
27	Independence Day (Dominican Republic)
27	Purim begins at sundown (Jewish)
28	Purim (Jewish)

MARCH	2010
1	Holi - Phagwah (Hindu)
1	Women's History Month begins
8	International Women's Day
14	Daylight Savings Time begins
17	St. Patrick's Day (Irish)
20	Spring begins
25	Independence Day (Greece)
26	Independence Day (Bangladesh)
28	Palm Sunday (Christian)
29	Passover begins at sundown (Jewish)
30	Passover 1 st day
31	Passover 2 nd day

APRIL	2010
1	Holy Thursday (Christian)
2	Good/Holy Friday (Christian)
4	Easter Sunday (Christian)
6	Passover 8 th Day (Jewish)
11	Holocaust Remembrance Day (Jewish)
13	Baisakhi (Sikh)
19	Independence Day (Israel)
22	Earth Day

MAY	2010
1	Asian Pacific American Heritage Month begins
1	May Day
5	Cinco de Mayo (Mexico)
8	V-E Day
9	Mother's Day
9	Victory Day (Russia)
12	Jerusalem Day (Jewish)
13	Ascension Day (Christian, Orthodox)
15	Armed Forces Day (U.S.)
15	Independence Day (Paraguay)
18	Shavuot begins at sundown (Jewish)
19	Shavuot 1 st Day (Jewish)
20	Shavuot 2 nd Day (Jewish)
20	Independence Day (Cuba)
21	Wesak (Buddhist)
23	Pentecost (Christian, Orthodox)
26	Independence Day (Guyana)
31	Memorial Day - observed (U.S.)

JUNE	2010
1	Gay & Lesbian Pride Month begins
12	Independence Day (Philippines)
14	Flag Day (U.S.)
19	Juneteenth (U.S.)
20	Father's Day
21	Summer begins

JULY	2010
1	Canada Day
4	American Independence Day
5	Independence Day (Venezuela)
9	Independence Day (Argentina)
19	Fast of Tisha B'Av begins at sundown (Jewish)
20	Fast of Tisha B'Av (Jewish)
20	Independence Day (Colombia)
28	Independence Day (Peru)

AUGUST	2010
6	Independence Day (Bolivia)
6	Independence Day (Jamaica)
10	Independence Day (Ecuador)
11	Ramadan begins (Muslim)
14	Independence Day (Pakistan)
15	V-J Day
15	Assumption of the Virgin Mary (Christian)
15	Independence Day (India)
15	Independence Day (Korea)
25	Independence Day (Uruguay)
31	Independence Day (Trinidad & Tobago)

SEPTEMBER	2010
2	Janmashami (Hindu)
6	Labor Day (U.S.)
7	Independence Day (Brazil)
8	Rosh Hashana begins at sundown (Jewish)
9	Rosh Hashana 1 st Day (Jewish)
10	Rosh Hashana 2 nd Day (Jewish)
10	Eid al-Fitr -- Ramadan ends (Muslim)
15	Hispanic Heritage Month begins
15	Independence Day (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua)
16	Independence Day (Mexico)
17	Citizenship Day (U.S.)
17	Yom Kippur begins at sundown (Jewish)
18	Yom Kippur (Jewish)
18	Independence Day (Chile)
22	Autumn begins
22	Chusok Harvest Moon Festival (Korean)
22	Sukkot begins at sundown (Jewish)
23	Sukkot 1 st Day (Jewish)
24	Sukkot 2 nd Day (Jewish)
29	Sh'mini Atzeret begins at sundown (Jewish)
30	Sh'mini Atzeret (Jewish)
30	Simchat Torah begins at sundown (Jewish)

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OCTOBER	2010
1	Simchat Torah (Jewish)
6	German-American Day
11	Columbus Day (U.S.)
12	Dia de la Raza (Hispanic)
24	United Nations Day
31	Halloween

NOVEMBER	2010
1	All Saints' Day (Christian)
1	Dia de los Muertos (Christian)
2	Election Day
3	Independence Day (Panama)
5	Diwali (Hindu, Sikh)
7	Daylight Savings Time ends
11	Veterans Day (U.S.)
11	Independence Day (Poland)
16	Eid al-Adha (Muslim)
21	Birth of Guru Nanak (Sikh)
25	Thanksgiving Day (U.S.)
28	Advent 1st Day (Christian)

DECEMBER	2010
1	Chanukah begins at sundown (Jewish)
2	Chanukah 1 st Day (Jewish)
7	Muharram - Islamic New Year (Muslim)
8	Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
9	Chanukah 8 th Day (Jewish)
21	Winter begins
24	Christmas Eve (Christian)
25	Christmas Day (Christian)
26	Kwanzaa begins (U.S.)
31	New Year's Eve