



National Special Emphasis/Heritage Month Observances

All Special Emphasis/Heritage Month observances also are governed by [Executive Order 11478](#).

- February:** **National African American/Black History Month**
Authority: [Executive Order 13256](#) and [Presidential Proclamations and Executive Orders](#)
- March:** **National Women’s History Month**
Authority: [Presidential Proclamations and Executive Orders](#)
- April:** **Arab American Heritage Month**
Authority: [Presidential Proclamations](#) and [a letter](#) to the Arab American Foundation
- May:** **National Asian American, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month**
Authority: [Executive Order 13339](#), [Executive Order 14031](#) and [Presidential Proclamations](#)
- National Jewish American Heritage Month**
Authority: [Presidential Proclamations and Executive Orders](#)
- June:** **National Caribbean American Heritage Month**
Authority: [Presidential Proclamations](#)
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual (LGBTQI+) Pride Month**
Authority: [Presidential Proclamations](#) and [Executive Orders](#)
- Juneteenth**
Authority: [Juneteenth National Independence Day Act](#)

September: National Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15-Oct. 15

Authority: [Executive Order 13230](#), [Executive Order 13555](#), [Executive Order 13171](#) and [Presidential Proclamations](#)

October: National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Authority: [Executive Order 13187](#), [Executive Order 13078](#) and Presidential Proclamations

November: National Native American Heritage Month

Authority: [Executive Order 13270](#) and [Presidential Proclamations](#)

The USPTO also sponsors events to celebrate and recognize various other communities within the Agency, such as Martisor for Romanian Americans; Bengali New Year, Lunar New Year and Chuseok for Asian American/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders; Diwali and Holi for Indian Americans; and Memorial Day and Veterans Day for veterans.