



2011

A Message from Queens Borough President Helen M. Marshall



It gives me great pleasure to offer you this 2011 Diversity Calendar! In addition to civic observances, the calendar lists major holidays from the Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, 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 organize community dialogues, so that Queens residents can learn more about each other's cultures and 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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JANUARY	2011
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
17	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - observed
19	New Year's Day (Mahayana Buddhist)
19	Tu B'Shvat begins at sundown (Jewish)
20	Tu B'Shvat (Jewish)

FEBRUARY	2011
1	Black History Month begins
2	Groundhog Day (U.S.)
3	Lunar New Year - Year of the Rabbit
12	Lincoln's Birthday (U.S.)
14	Valentine's Day (U.S.)
21	Presidents' Day - observed (U.S.)
22	Washington's Birthday (U.S.)
27	Independence Day (Dominican Republic)

MARCH	2011
1	Greek American Heritage Month begins
1	Irish American Heritage Month begins
1	Women's History Month begins
8	Mardi Gras
8	International Women's Day
9	Ash Wednesday (Christian)
13	Daylight Savings Time begins
17	St. Patrick's Day (Irish)
17	Fast of Esther (Jewish)
19	Purim begins at sundown (Jewish)
20	Purim (Jewish)
20	Holi - Phagwah (Hindu)
20	Spring begins
25	Independence Day (Greece)
26	Independence Day (Bangladesh)

APRIL	2011
13	Baisakhi (Sikh)
17	Palm Sunday (Christian)
18	Passover begins at sundown (Jewish)
19	Passover 1 st day
20	Passover 2 nd day
21	Holy Thursday (Christian)
22	Good Friday (Christian)
22	Earth Day
24	Easter Sunday (Christian)
26	Passover 8 th Day (Jewish)

MAY	2011
1	Asian Pacific American Heritage Month begins
1	Jewish American Heritage Month begins
1	May Day
1	Holocaust Remembrance Day (Jewish)
5	Cinco de Mayo (Mexico)
8	V-E Day
8	Mother's Day
9	Victory Day (Russia)
10	Independence Day (Israel)
15	Independence Day (Paraguay)
17	Wesak (Buddhist)
20	Independence Day (Cuba)
21	Armed Forces Day (U.S.)
26	Independence Day (Democratic Republic of Georgia)
26	Independence Day (Guyana)
30	Memorial Day - observed (U.S.)

JUNE	2011
1	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Pride Month begins
1	Caribbean American Heritage Month begins
1	Jerusalem Day (Jewish)
2	Ascension Day (Orthodox)
7	Shavuot begins at sundown (Jewish)
8	Shavuot 1 st Day (Jewish)
9	Shavuot 2 nd Day (Jewish)
12	Pentecost (Orthodox)
12	Independence Day (Philippines)
14	Flag Day (U.S.)
19	Juneteenth (U.S.)
19	Father's Day
21	Summer begins

JULY	2011
1	Canada Day
4	American Independence Day
5	Independence Day (Venezuela)
9	Independence Day (Argentina)
20	Independence Day (Colombia)
28	Independence Day (Peru)
31	Ramadan Eve (Muslim)

AUGUST	2011
1	Ramadan 1 st Day (Muslim)
6	Independence Day (Bolivia)
6	Independence Day (Jamaica)
8	Fast of Tisha B'Av begins at sundown (Jewish)
9	Fast of Tisha B'Av (Jewish)
10	Independence Day (Ecuador)
14	Independence Day (Pakistan)
15	V-J Day
15	Assumption of the Virgin Mary (Christian)
15	Independence Day (India)
15	Independence Day (Korea)
22	Janmashami (Hindu)
25	Independence Day (Uruguay)
30	Eid al-Fitr -- Ramadan ends (Muslim)
31	Independence Day (Trinidad & Tobago)

SEPTEMBER	2011
5	Labor Day (U.S.)
7	Independence Day (Brazil)
12	Chusok Harvest Moon Festival (Korean)
15	Hispanic Heritage Month begins
15	Independence Day (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua)
16	Independence Day (Mexico)
16	Citizenship Day - observed (U.S.)
17	Citizenship Day (U.S.)
18	Independence Day (Chile)
23	Autumn begins
28	Rosh Hashana begins at sundown (Jewish)
29	Rosh Hashana 1 st Day (Jewish)
30	Rosh Hashana 2 nd Day (Jewish)

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OCTOBER	2011
1	Italian American Heritage Month begins
6	German-American Day
7	Yom Kippur begins at sundown (Jewish)
8	Yom Kippur (Jewish)
10	Columbus Day (U.S.)
12	Dia de la Raza (Hispanic)
12	Sukkot begins at sundown (Jewish)
13	Sukkot 1 st Day (Jewish)
14	Sukkot 2 nd Day (Jewish)
19	Sh'mini Atzeret begins at sundown (Jewish)
20	Sh'mini Atzeret (Jewish)
20	Simchat Torah begins at sundown (Jewish)
21	Simchat Torah (Jewish)
24	United Nations Day
26	Diwali (Hindu, Sikh)
31	Halloween

NOVEMBER	2011
1	American Indian Heritage Month begins
1	All Saints' Day (Christian)
2	Dia de los Muertos (Christian)
3	Independence Day (Panama)
5	Eid al-Adha begins at sundown (Muslim)
6	Eid al-Adha (Muslim)
6	Daylight Savings Time ends
8	Election Day
10	Birth of Guru Nanak (Sikh)
11	Veterans Day (U.S.)
11	Independence Day (Poland)
24	Thanksgiving Day (U.S.)
26/	Muharram - Islamic New Year (Muslim)
27	Advent 1 st Day (Christian)

DECEMBER	2011
8	Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
10	Universal Human Rights Day
20	Chanukah begins at sundown (Jewish)
21	Chanukah 1 st Day (Jewish)
22	Winter begins
24	Christmas Eve (Christian)
25	Christmas Day (Christian)
26	Christmas Day - observed (Christian)
26	Kwanzaa begins (U.S.)
28	Chanukah 8 th Day (Jewish)
31	New Year's Eve

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