

## OCTOBER 2015

### Monthly Observances

Adopt A Dog Month [Link](#)  
Adopt A Shelter Dog Month  
AIDS Awareness Month (President Reagan) [Link](#) (also December)  
American Cheese Month  
American Pharmacists Month [Link](#)  
Antidepressant Death Awareness Month  
Apple Month [Link](#)  
Bat Appreciation Month  
Black Speculative Fiction Month [Link](#)  
Breast Cancer Awareness Month  
Bullying Prevention Month [Link](#)  
(World) Blindness Awareness Month [Link](#)  
Caffeine Addiction Recovery Month  
Celiac Disease Awareness Month  
Celebrating The Bilingual Child Month  
Children's Magazine Month  
Christmas Seal Campaign (10/1-12/31)  
Church Library Month  
Church Safety and Security Month  
Class Reunion Month [Link](#)  
Co-op Awareness Month  
Corn Month [Link](#)  
Country Music Month [Link](#)  
Cut Out Dissection Month  
Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
Down Syndrome Awareness Month [Link](#)  
Dyslexia Awareness Month  
Eat Better, Eat Together Month  
Emotional Intelligence Awareness Month  
Emotional Wellness Month  
Employee Ownership Month [Link](#)  
Energy Management is a Family Affair-Improve Your Home Month (10/1-3/31/13)  
Eye Injury Prevention Month [Link](#) (Note: There is also one in July.)  
Fair Trade Month [Link](#)  
Financial Planning Month [Link](#)  
Feral Hog Month or Hog Out Month [Link](#)  
Gay & Lesbian History Month  
German-American Heritage Month  
Global ADHD Awareness Month [Link](#)  
Global Diversity Awareness Month  
Go Hog Wild - Eat Country Ham  
Halloween Safety Month

Head Start Awareness Month [Link](#)  
Health Literacy Month  
Home Eye Safety Month  
Italian-American Heritage Month [Link](#)  
International Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC) Awareness Month  
International Starman Month  
International Strategic Planning Month  
International Walk To School Month [Link](#)  
Intergeneration Month  
Learn To Bowl Month [Link](#)  
LGBT History Month [Link](#)  
Long Term Care Planning Month  
Month of Free Thought  
National AIDS Awareness Month [Link](#)  
National Animal Safety and Protection Month  
National Arts & Humanities Month  
National Audiology Awareness Month  
National Bake and Decorate Month  
National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month  
National Caramel Month [Link](#)  
National Chili Month  
National Chiropractic Health Month  
National Cookbook Month  
National Crime Prevention Month  
National Critical Illness Awareness Month  
National Cyber Security Awareness Month [Link](#)  
National Dental Hygiene Month  
National Disability Employment Awareness Month [Link](#)  
National Depression Education & Awareness Month  
National Disability Employment Awareness Month  
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
National Down Syndrome Month  
National Ergonomics Month [Link](#)  
National Family Sexuality Education Month - Let's Talk! [Link](#)  
National Field Trip Month  
National "Gain The Inside Advantage" Month  
National Go On A Field Trip Month  
National Kitchen & Bath Month [Link](#)  
National Liver Awareness Month  
National Medical Librarian Month  
National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month [Link](#)  
National Orthodontic Health Month  
National Physical Therapy Month  
National Popcorn Poppin' Month  
National Pork Month [Link](#)  
National Protect Your Hearing Month [Link](#)  
National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month [Link](#)  
National Reading Group Month

National Roller Skating Month  
National RSV Awareness Month [Link](#)  
National Sarcastic Awareness Month  
National Seafood Month [Link](#)  
National Spina Bifida Awareness Month  
National Stamp Collecting Month  
National Stop Bullying Month  
National Substance Abuse Prevention Month [Link](#)  
National Toilet Tank Repair Month [Link](#)  
National Window Covering Safety Month [Link](#)  
National Work and Family Month  
National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month  
Organize Your Medical Information Month  
Photographer Appreciation Month  
Pizza Month [Link](#) [Link](#)  
Polish American Heritage Month  
Positive Attitude Month  
Raptor Month  
Rett Syndrome Awareness Month  
Right Brainers Rule! Month  
Sausage Month [Link](#)  
Self-Promotion Month  
Spinach Lovers Month  
Squirrel Awareness Month [Link](#) (Different Than Squirrel Appreciation Day in January)  
Tackling Hunger Month [Link](#) [Link](#)  
(Campbell Soup & 2nd Harvest. Not the same as Hunger Month in September)  
Talk About Prescriptions Month  
Vegetarian Month  
Wishbones for Pets Month (10/15 - 11/30)  
Women Walking In Their Own Shoes Month  
Workplace Politics Awareness Month  
World Menopause Month

## Weekly Observances

\*Trichotillomania, Skin Picking & Related BFRB Awareness Week: 1-5 [Link](#)  
\*National Walk Your Dog Week: 1-7 [Link](#)  
\*Universal Children's Week: 1-7  
National Storytelling Weekend: 2-4 (1st Full Weekend)  
Old-time Fiddler Days: 2-3: (1st Full Weekend)  
Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta: 3-11 [Link](#)  
\*No Salt Week: 3-10  
4-H Week: 4-10 [Link](#)  
Death Penalty Focus Week: 4-10 (Always has 10th in it)  
Emergency Nurses Week: 4-10 (1st Full Week) [Link](#)  
Fire Prevention Week: 4-10  
International Post Card Week: 4-10 [Link](#)  
Great Books Week: 4-10 (1st Full Week)

**Mental Illness Awareness Week: 4-10** (1st Full Week)  
**Mystery Series Week: 4-10** (1st Full Week)  
**National Carry A Tune Week: 4-10** (Always had 7th in it)  
**National Metric Week: 4-10** (Always has 10th in it)  
**National Midwifery Week: 4-10** (1st Full Week) [Link](#)  
**National Work From Home Week:4-10** (1st Full Week)  
**Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Week :4-10** (1st Full Week)  
**\*World Space Week: 4-10** [Link](#)  
**Customer Service Week: 5-9** (1st Week) [Link](#)  
**Drive Safely Work Week: 5-11** [Link](#)  
**Financial Planning Week: 5-11** (1st Mon-Sun Week)  
**Kids' Goal Setting Week: 5-9** (First Week)  
**National Health Care Food Service Week: 5-11** [Link](#)  
**National Heimlich Heroes Week: 5-9** (First Full M-F Week)  
**National Metric Week: 5-11** (Week always has 10th in it.)  
**Spinning & Weaving Week: 5-11** [Link](#)  
**\*National Physicians Assistant Week: 6-12**  
**World Dairy Expo: 6-11** (First Tues. - Sunday)  
**\*Take Your Medicine Americans Week: 10-16**  
**Earth Science Week: 11-17** [Link](#) (Always 2nd Full Week)  
**Emergency Nurses Week: 11-17** (Always has 14th In It)  
**Getting The World To Beat A Path To Your Door Week: 11-17**  
**Mediation Week: 11-17** [Link](#) (Third Week)  
**National Chestnut Week: 11-17** (2nd Full Week)  
**National Food Bank Week: 11-17** (Week Always Has 16th in it, World Food Day)  
**Veterinary Technicians Week: 11-17** (2nd Week) [Link](#)  
**\*Bone and Joint Health National Awareness Week: 12-20** [Link](#)  
**National School Lunch Week: 12-16** (Starts on 2nd Monday)  
**World Rainforest Week: 12-18** [Link](#)  
**National Nuclear Science Week: 19-23** (Third Full Week)  
**National School Bus Safety Week: 19-23** (Third Full Week)  
**\*Food & Drug Interactions and Awareness Week: 17-24**  
**Bullying Bystanders Unite Week: 18-24** (Third Full Week)  
**Freedom From Bullies Week: 18-24** (Third Full Week)  
**International Infection Prevention Week: 18-24** [Link](#)  
**National Character Counts Week: 18-24** (Third Full Week)  
**National Business Women's Week: 18-24** (Third Full Week) [Link](#)  
**National Chemistry Week:18-24** (Third Full Week)  
**National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week: 18-24** [Link](#)  
**National Forest Products Week: 18-24** (Starts Third Sunday)  
**National Friends of Libraries Week:18-24** (Third Full Week)  
**National Hospital and Health-System Pharmacy Week: 18-24** [Link](#)  
**National Save For Retirement Week: 18-24** [Link](#) (Third Full Week)  
**National Teen Drivers Safety Week: 18-24** [Link](#)(Third Full Week)  
**Teen Read Week: 18-24**  
**Asexuality Week: 19-25** [Link](#)  
**Choose To Be G.R.E.A.T. Week: 19-23** [Link](#)  
**Freedom of Speech Week: 19-25** [Link](#) (Third Full Week)

**Medical Assistants Recognition Week: 19-23** (Third Full Week) [Link](#)  
**National Health Education Week: 19-23** [Link](#)  
**YWCA Week Without Violence: 19-23** [Link](#) (3rd Week)  
**\*Disarmament Week: 24-30**  
**\*Prescription Errors Education & Awareness Week: 24-31**  
**\*World Origami Days: 24-11/11**  
**National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week: 25-31** [Link](#) (Last Full Week)  
**National Massage Therapy Week: 25-31** [Link](#) (Last Full Week)  
**National Respiratory Care Week: 25-31** [Link](#) (Last full week)  
**Pastoral Care Week: 25-31** [Link](#) (Last Full Week)  
**Give Wildlife a Brake! Week: 25-31** [Link](#)  
(Last Week. We lose daylight and need to be more alert for animals while driving.)  
**\*International Magic Week: 25-31**  
**Kids Care Week: 25-31** (Always Includes 10/27 Make A Difference Day)  
**Red Ribbon Week: 23-31** [Link](#) (Last Week)  
**International Dyslexia Association Reading Week: 28-31**

## Daily Observances

**\*CD Player Day: 1**  
**\*Fire Pup Day: 1**  
**\*International Day of Older Persons: 1**  
**\*International Music Day: 1** [Link](#)  
**\*Model T Day: 1**  
**\*National Book It! Day: 1**  
**\*National Lace Day: 1** [Link](#)  
**\*World Vegetarian Day: 1**  
**\*National Walk Your Dog Day: 1** [Link](#)  
**\*Guardian Angels Day: 2**  
**\*International Day of Non-violence: 2**  
**\*National Custodial Workers Day: 2**  
**\*Phileas Fogg's Wager Day: 2**  
**\*World Farm Animals Day: 2**  
**Lee's National Denim Day: 2** (First Friday)  
**National Diversity Day: 2** (First Friday)  
**World Smile Day: 2** (First Friday) [Link](#)  
**Cephalopod Awareness Day: 3** (First Saturday)  
**Inter-American Water Day: 3** (First Saturday) [Link](#)  
**World Card Making Day: 3** (First Saturday)  
**\*Blessing of The Animals Day (aka Blessing of the Pets Day, World Pet Day): 4** [Link](#)  
**\*Improve Your Office Day: 4**  
**\*Kanelbullens Dag (Cinnamon Roll Day): 4** [Link](#)  
**\*National Taco Day: 4** [Link](#)  
**\*National Ship in A Bottle Day: 4**  
**\*Ten-Four Day: 4**  
**\*Vodka Day: 4** [Link](#)  
**\*World Animal Day: 4** [Link](#)

**International Blessings of The Fishing Fleet Day: 4** (South Africa) (First Sunday)

(Note: US Fishing villages do this on different dates.)

**Change A Light Day: 4** [Link](#) (First Sunday)

**Country Inn Bed & Breakfast Day: 4** (First Sunday)

**Intergeneration Day: 4** (First Sunday)

**International African Diaspora Day: 4** (First Sunday)

**World Communion Day: 4** (First Sunday)

**Child Health Day: 5** (First Monday)

**Day of Unity: 5** (First Monday) [Link](#)

**\*International Day of No Prostitution: 5** [Link](#)

**Techie's Day: 5** [Link](#) (Always 1st Monday)

**World Day of Architecture: 5** [Link](#) (First Monday)

**World Day of Bullying Prevention / Blue Shirt Day: 5** (First Monday)

**World Habitat Day: 5** (First Monday)

**\*World Teachers Day: 5** [Link](#)

**\*Ecological Debt Day: 6** [Link](#)

**\*Jackie Mayer Rehab Day: 6**

**\*Mad Hatter Day: 6** [Link](#)

**\*American Libraries Day: 6**

**\*National German-American Day: 6**

**Simchat Torah: 6**

**Balloons Around The World Day: 7** (First Wednesday)

**Emergency Nurses Day: 7** (Wednesday of First Full Week) [Link](#)

**National Kale Day: 7** [Link](#) (First Wednesday)

**Pet Obesity Awareness Day: 7** [Link](#) (First Wednesday)

**Walk To School Day: 7** [Link](#)

**\*You Matter To Me Day: 7** [Link](#)

**\*Alvin C. York Day: 8**

**National Depression Screening Day: 8** [Link](#) (2nd Thursday)

**\*National Pierogy Day: 8**

**\*World Octopus Day: 8** [Link](#)

**World Sight Day: 8** [Link](#) (2nd Thursday)

**\*Leif Erikson Day: 9**

**\*National Chess Day: 9** [Link](#) (See also 13th)

**\*National Pro-Life Cupcake Day: 9** [Link](#)

**World Egg Day: 9** [Link](#) (2nd Friday)

**\* World Post Day: 9**

**\*International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction: 10**

**\*International Newspaper Carrier Day: 10**

**\*International Stage Management Day: 10** [Link](#)

**National Costume Swap Day: 10** [Link](#) (2nd Saturday)

**National Family Bowling Day (or Kids Bowl Free Day): 10** [Link](#)

**\*National Handbag Day: 10**

**\* Naval Academy Day: 10**

**Universal Music Day: 10** (2nd Saturday)

**\*World Day Against The Death Penalty: 10** [Link](#) (2nd Friday)

**\*World Homeless Day: 10** [Link](#)

**\*World Mental Health Day: 10**

**\*World Porridge Day: 10 [Link](#)**  
**Clergy Appreciation Day** (or Pastor Appreciation Day or Ministry Appreciation Day) : **11**  
(No official sponsor. Always 2nd Sunday)  
**\*General Pulaski Memorial Day: 11 (President) [Link](#)** (Note: See also March 7)  
**\*International Day of The Girl: 11 [Link](#)**  
**\*National Coming Out Day: 11**  
**\*National Food Truck Day: 11 [Link](#)**  
**\*Southern Food Heritage Day: 11**  
**Columbus Day [LINK](#) [Link](#)**  
**\*Day of the Six Billion: 12 [Link](#)**  
**\*Free Thought Day: 12**  
**\*International Day for Disaster Reduction: 12**  
**National Kick Butt Day: 12 [Link](#)** (Second Monday)  
**Native American Day: 12** (Second Monday)  
**\*Spanish Language Day: 12 [Link](#)**  
**World Arthritis Day: 12 [Link](#)**  
**\*English Language Day: 13 [Link](#)**  
**\*International African Penguin Awareness Day: 13 [Link](#)**  
**\*International Day for Failure: 13 [Link](#)**  
**International Moment of Frustration Scream Day: 13**  
**\*Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day: 13 [Link](#)**  
**\*National Chess Day: 13 [Link](#)** (See also 9th)  
**National Face Your Fears Day: 13** (2nd Tuesday)  
**\* Navy Birthday: 13**  
**\*Silly Sayings Day: 13**  
**\*Be Bald and Be Free Day: 14**  
**National Bring Your Teddy Bear To Work & School Day: 14** (2nd Wednesday)  
**International Top Spinning Day: 14** (2nd Wednesday)  
**Islamic New Year: 14**  
**National Fossil Day: 14 [Link](#)** (On Wednesday of the 2nd Full Week)  
**National Take Your Parents To Lunch Day: 14** (3rd Wednesday or whenever it's convenient.)  
**S.A.V.E. (Stop America's Violence Everywhere): 14 [Link](#)** (2nd Wednesday)  
**Stop Bullying Day: 14** (2nd Wednesday)  
**\*Spider-Man Day: 14 [Link](#)** (See also Aug. 1)  
**\*World Standards Day: 14 [Link](#)**  
**Conflict Resolution Day: 15 [Link](#)** (3rd Thursday)  
**Get to Know Your Customers Day: 15** ( January 15, April 16, July 16 and October 15)  
**Get Smart About Credit Day: 15** (3rd Thursday)  
**\*Global Handwashing Day: 15 [Link](#)**  
**International Credit Union Day: 15** (3rd Thursday)  
**\*International Day of Rural Women: 15**  
**\*I Love Lucy Day: 15**  
**\*National Cake Decorating Day: 15**  
**\* National Grouch Day: 15**  
**\*National Latino AIDS Awareness Day: 15 [Link](#)**  
**\*National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day: 15 [Link](#)**  
**\* White Cane Safety Day: 15**  
**Alternative Fuel Day: 16 [Link](#)**

**Black Poetry Day: 16 [Link](#)** (3rd Friday)  
**\*Boss's Day (or National Boss's Day) : 16 [Link](#)**  
(Annually Oct. 16. Unless it falls on a weekend. Then it's the closest workday.)  
**\*National Feral Cat Day: 16 [Link](#)**  
**Spirit Day: 15 [Link](#)** (3rd Thursday)  
**\*Department Store Day: 16**  
**\*Dictionary Day: 16** (Noah Webster's Birthday. Different than one in April)  
**Mammography Day: 16** (3rd Friday)  
**\*World Food Day: 16**  
**World Student Day: 16 [Link](#)**  
**Bridge Day: 17 [Link](#)** (3rd Saturday)  
**\*International Day for the Eradication of Poverty: 17**  
**\*Mulligan Day: 17**  
**\*National Pasta Day: 17 [Link](#)**  
**\*Wear Something Gaudy Day: 17 [Link](#)**  
**Sweetest Day: 17** (3rd Saturday)  
**\*Hard Boiled Guy/Girl Day: 18 [Link](#)**  
**\*National Chocolate Cupcake Day: 18 [Link](#)**  
**\*World Menopause Day: 18**  
**National Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day: 18** (3rd Sunday)  
**World Toy Camera Day: 18 [Link](#)** (Third Sunday)  
**\*Evaluate Your Life Day: 19**  
**National Clean Your Virtual Desktop Day: 19** (3rd Monday)  
**\*Birth of the Bab: 20**  
**\*Miss American Rose Day: 20**  
**\*Celebration of The Mind Day: 21 [Link](#)**  
**Unity Day: 21 [Link](#)**  
**Hagfish Day: 21 [Link](#)** (3rd Wednesday)  
**Information Overload Day: 21 [Link](#)** (3rd Wednesday)  
**\*Global Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD) Prevention Day: 21**  
**Medical Assistants Recognition Day: 21 [Link](#)** (Wednesday of Third Full Week)  
**Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity: 21 [Link](#)** (3rd Tuesday)  
**\*Reptile Awareness Day: 21 [Link](#)**  
**Support Your Local Chamber of Commerce: 21** (3rd Wednesday)  
**\*Caps Locks Day: 22** Verification Link removed due to profanity  
**\*International Stuttering Awareness Day: 22**  
**\*National Nut Day: 22 [Link](#)**  
**\*Smart is Cool Day: 22**  
**Ashura: 23**  
**\*iPod Day: 23**  
**\*National Mole Day: 23 [Link](#)**  
**National Pharmacy Buyer Day: 23** (Friday of Third Full Week)  
**\*National Pharmacy Technician Day: 23 [Link](#)**  
**\*Swallows Depart from San Juan Capistrano Day: 23**  
**\*TV Talk Show Host Day: 23** (Always on Johnny Carson's birthday)  
**\*Food Day: 24 [Link](#)**  
**Make A Difference Day: 24** (Last Saturday)  
**Pit Bull Awareness Day: 24 [Link](#)**



- \* **United Nations Day: 24**
- \***World Development Information Day: 24**
- \***Chucky, The Notorious Killer Doll Day: 25 [Link](#)**
- \***International Artists Day: 25 [Link](#)**
- \***Sourest Day: 25**
- \***World Pasta Day: 25 [Link](#)**
- Mother-in-Law Day: 25** (Always 4th Sunday)
- Xterra World Championships: 25**
- \***Howl at The Moon Night: 26 [Link](#)**
- Lung Health Day: 26 [Link](#)** (Monday of Respiratory Care Week.)
- \***Mule Day: 26** (Historical, not celebration.)  
Honors the importation of the first Spanish Jacks to the US which were a gift from King Charles III of Spain delivered October 26, 1785 in Boston. George Washington then began breeding them in the US.
- Visit A Cemetery Day: 26** (Last Sunday)
- \***Cranky Co-workers Day: 27**
- \***Navy Day: 27**
- \***World Day for Audiovisual Heritage: 27 [Link](#)**
- \***National Chocolate Day: 28 [Link](#)**
- \***St. Jude's Day: 28**
- \***Internet Day: 29 [Link](#)**
- \***National Cat Day: 29 [Link](#)**
- \***World Psoriasis Day: 29 [Link](#)**
- \***Checklist Day: 30**
- \***Create A Great Funeral Day: 30 [Link](#)**
- \***Devil's Night or Mischief Night: 30**
- Frankenstein Friday: 30** (Last Friday)
- \***Haunted Refrigerator Night: 30**
- International Bandanna Day: 30 [Link](#)** (Last Friday)
- National Breadstix (Bread Sticks) Day: 30** (Last Friday)
- \***National Candy Corn Day: 30 [Link](#)**
- \***Beggars' Night: 31**
- \***Books For Treats Day: 31**
- \***Day of the Seven Billion: 31 [Link](#)**
- \***Girl Scout Founder's Day: 31 [Link](#)**
- \* **Halloween or All Hallows Eve: 31**
- \***National Caramel Apple Day: 31 [Link](#)**
- National Forgiveness Day: 31** (Last Saturday)
- \***National Knock-Knock Jokes Day: 31**
- \***National Magic Day: 31**
- \***National UNICEF Day: 31**
- \***Samhain: 31 [Link](#)**

NOTE: An \* in front of the day means that the observance is on the same date every year regardless of the day it falls on.