

**DEIJA
DECEMBER
2023**

**DAY OR WEEK LONG
RECOGNITIONS**



December 1

World AIDS Day is a global movement to unite people in the fight against HIV and AIDS.

December 2

International Day for the Abolition of Slavery focuses on eradicating contemporary forms of slavery, such as trafficking in persons, sexual exploitation, the worst forms of child labor, forced marriage, and the forced recruitment of children for use in armed conflict.

December 3

International Day of Persons with Disabilities aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights, and well-being of persons with disabilities.

December 7 - 15

Hanukkah is the Jewish eight-day festival of lights celebrating the rededication of the Holy Temple following the defeat of the Seleucids (Syrian-Greek) oppressors by a small band of Jews led by Judah the Maccabee.

December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation that celebrates Mary's conception which was "full of grace" and free from original sin.

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Bodhi Day honors the day in which the Buddha —Siddhartha Gautama—is said to have achieved enlightenment.

December 10

International Humans Rights Day marks the anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the U.N. in 1948.

December 12

Feast Day of Our Lady Guadalupe is celebrated by Mexicans and Mexican Americans in remembrance of the appearance of Mary to Cuauhtlatohuac (Juan Diego) in 1531. The Lady of Guadalupe is the patron saint of Mexico and the Americas.





December 12

Nikommo is a Narragansett Thanksgiving celebration held on the first new moon of December.



December 16 - 24

Las Posadas is a nine-day religious festival celebrated in Mexico and other Latin American countries (and Spain and the U.S.) that commemorates the journey Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe place to stay where Mary could give birth to Jesus.

December 21 to January 1

Yule is a Pagan and Wiccan celebration of the winter solstice which marks the rebirth of the sun.

December 25

Christmas is an important Christian holiday commemorating the birth of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



December 26

Boxing Day is a British tradition that dates back to the 1800s when upper class Britons gave servants and workers a gift box and provided them with the day off.

December 26

Zartosht No-Diso is a Zoroastrian day of remembrance of the death of their prophet.



December 26 to January 1

Kwanzaa is a seven-day holiday often celebrated by Black Americans that was inspired by African harvest celebrations and recognizes seven principles/values found throughout the African continent.

