

# Diversity Messaging for Month of June

Date and Observance	Communication
<p><b>Month of June Pride Month</b></p>	<p>Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month is currently observed in the month of June to honor The Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. The Stonewall Uprising were a series of spontaneous demonstrations by members of the gay community in response to the police raid at the Stonewall Inn on June 28, 1969. The Stonewall Uprising was the catalyst for the gay rights movement in the United States and around the world. Initially in the United States, the last Sunday in June was observed as “Gay Pride Day”. In many major cities across the nation, this day grew to encompass a month-long series of events, including parades, picnics, workshops, symposia, concerts, and memorials to those members of the community who have lost their lives to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact LGBTQ individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally.</p>
<p><b>Month of June Caribbean American Heritage</b></p>	<p>Caribbean American Heritage Month was established to create and disseminate knowledge about the contributions of Caribbean people to the United States of America. President George H.W. Bush signed the proclamation in June 2006 recognizing Caribbean American Heritage Month after Congresswoman Barbara Lee began the effort in 2004. Caribbean immigrants have been contributing to the well-being of American society since its founding. The first Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, was from the Caribbean Island of Nevis. Other influential Caribbean-Americans include Secretary of State Colin Powell, Cicely Tyson, W.E.B. Dubois, James Weldon Johnson, Harry Belafonte, and Sidney Poitier. This month highlights the influences of cuisine, culture, and music from the Caribbean Islands. Caribbean Cuisine is a fusion of African, Creole, European, Latin American, Middle Eastern, and Asian influences. Popular dishes reflect the cultures that have influenced the region. The music of the Caribbean reflects the multi-cultural influences that have shaped the Caribbean and African people. The Caribbean people brought music, such as bachata, cadence rampa, calypso, chutney, compas (kompa), dancehall, filmi, Latin trap, méringue, merengue, parang, reggae, salsa, and zouk, which has a profound impact on U.S. popular culture. Caribbean Americans come together to celebrate their heritage through many activities such as dancing, sharing traditional meals, festivals, parades, concerts, and observing and appreciating their rich history.</p>
<p><b>June 1st National Say Something Nice Day</b></p>	<p>National Say Something Nice Day is observed on June 1st every year. This holiday is about lifting your co-workers, family members, and acquaintances, with genuine kind words. This day can be observed by showing an appreciation for the hard work that someone has done, maybe recognizing certain traits or characteristics of a person, or simply thank a friend, family member or co-worker for being amazing or awesome. You can do this in-person, via text, or social media</p> <p>Saying something nice is good for your health, you might also hear something good about yourself today! On June 1st search the hashtag #SaySomethingNiceDay and take in all the kind, loving and positive posts and memes to remind yourself that there really is a lot of good in the world.</p>
<p><b>June 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> (Sundown to Sundown) Shavout - Jewish</b></p>	<p>Shavuot (Feast of Weeks) commemorates the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai to the Jewish people seven weeks after the exodus from Egypt. Shavuot is one of the three biblically based pilgrimage holidays known as the <i>shalosh regalim</i>. It is associated with the grain harvest in the Torah.</p> <p>Shavuot is observed by abstaining from work and attending synagogue services. A few special readings are recited, including the Book of Ruth and the Ten Commandments. It is also customary to study Torah all night; this practice is called Tikkun Leil Shavuot.</p> <p>Traditional holiday meals on Shavuot center around dairy foods. Popular Shavuot foods include cheesecake and <a href="#">blintzes</a>. Some Sephardic Jews make a seven-layered bread called <a href="#">siete cielos</a> (seven heavens), which is supposed to represent Mt. Sinai.</p> <p>The greeting for Shavuot is simply “<i>Chag Sameach!</i>” (Happy Holiday).</p> <p>Additional Resources:  <a href="#">Shavuot 2022   My Jewish Learning</a>  <a href="#">What Is Shavuot (Shavuos)? - And How Is Shavuot Celebrated? - Shavuot (chabad.org)</a></p>

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<p>June 12<sup>th</sup> <b>Women’s Veterans Day</b></p>	<p>The first Women Veteran’s Day was celebrated on June 12, 2018. This date marks the 70th anniversary of the Women’s Armed Forces Integration Act which enabled women to serve as regular, permanent members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force. While women have served in the military since the birth of our nation, either in a support role or dressed as a male on the frontlines, they were not recognized as military members or veterans until 1948. While this holiday has not been nationally celebrated, many state governors have issued proclamations for the observance and have planned events to celebrate.</p>
<p>June 19<sup>th</sup> <b>Juneteenth</b></p>	<p>Juneteenth (officially Juneteenth National Independence Day and known as Jubilee Day, Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, and Black Independence Day) is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of African American slaves. It is also often observed for celebrating African American culture.</p> <p>Originating in Galveston, Texas, it has been celebrated annually on June 19 in various parts of the United States since 1865. The original observances included prayer meetings and the singing of spirituals, and celebrants wore new clothes as a way of representing their newfound freedom. Within a few years, African Americans in other states were celebrating the day as well, making it an annual tradition. Celebrations have continued across the United States into the 21st century and typically include prayer and religious services, speeches, educational events, family gatherings and picnics, and festivals with music, food, and dancing.</p> <p>The day was recognized as a federal holiday on June 17, 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law.</p> <p>Juneteenth's commemoration is on the anniversary date of the June 19, 1865, announcement of General Order No. 3 by Union Army general Gordon Granger, proclaiming freedom for slaves in Texas, which was the last state of the Confederacy with institutional slavery</p>
<p>June 20<sup>th</sup> <b>World Refugee Day</b></p>	<p>All over the globe, World Refugee Day is celebrated on June 20th every year. During this time many people throughout the world honor refugees and give respect to their struggle. Many of them are forced from their culture, homes, and families and shifted to other places throughout the world because of war, terror, attacks and other crises. Often times their living is relegated to tents or camps with limited resources.</p> <p>The United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) is dedicated to “Whoever, Wherever, Whenever, Everyone Has The Right To Seek Safety.”</p> <p>World Refugee Day is commemorated through stories told by young refugees at Virtual and Live events around the world. These young storytellers speak and conversate on the importance of inclusion and giving refugees the chance to tell their story.</p> <p><i>"World Refugee Day is an expression of solidarity with people who have been uprooted from their homes by war or persecution . . . This not about sharing a burden. It is about sharing a global responsibility, based not only the broad idea of our common humanity but also on the very specific obligations of international law."</i></p> <p><i>—António Guterres, UN Secretary-General</i></p>