

July – August 2009 Cultural and Health Awareness Observances

7/1 – 31	<i>UV Light Safety Month</i>
7/1 – 31	<i>International Group B Strep Awareness Month</i>
7/1 – 31	<i>Hemochromatosis Screening Awareness</i>
7/1 – 31	<i>Eye Injury Prevention Month</i>
7/1	<i>Canada Day</i>
7/4	<i>Independence Day, USA</i>
7/4	<i>Fil-American Friendship Day Philippines, USA</i>
7/6	<i>Dali Lama's Birthday</i>
7/7	<i>Wassana – Buddhist, celebrates the beginning of "Rains Retreat" for self-examination and peace making</i>
7/14	<i>Bastille Day, commemorates the liberation of prisoners from the Bastille prison and end of the French Monarchy</i>
7/17	<i>Munoz-Rivera Day- Puerto Rico</i>
7/18	<i>Nelson Mandela's Birthday</i>
7/20 – 24	<i>Youth Sports Week- USA</i>
7/24	<i>Pioneer Day, Mormon commemoration of the settlement of Utah by Brigham Young</i>
7/24	<i>Simon Bolivar Day, commemorates the "George Washington of South America" Bolivia, Panama, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela</i>
7/26	<i>Anniversary of Signing of Americans with Disabilities Act</i>
7/30	<i>Tisha B'Av- Jewish morning the destruction of the first and Second Temples in Jerusalem</i>
7/31	<i>Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus</i>
8/1 – 31	<i>Cataract Awareness Month</i>
8/1 – 31	<i>Children's Eye Health & Safety Month</i>
8/1 – 31	<i>Immunization Awareness Month</i>
8/1 – 31	<i>Psoriasis Awareness Month</i>
8/1	<i>Lugnasad/Lammas –Wicca celebrate the first harvesting of grain</i>

<i>8/1</i>	<i>Illinden- Macedonia honors the prophet Elijah</i>
<i>8/1</i>	<i>Caribana Parade- Canada celebrates its diverse Caribbean community</i>
<i>8/1</i>	<i>Minority Donor Awareness Day</i>
<i>8/1 – 7</i>	<i>World Breast Feeding Week</i>
<i>8/6</i>	<i>Hiroshima Day- USA, Canada remember the use of the nuclear bomb and their commitment to never again use it against humans</i>
<i>8/9 – 15</i>	<i>Community Health Center Week</i>
<i>8/13</i>	<i>Obon (Japan), Chung Yuan Festival (China, Taiwan), Vu Lan (Vietnam) honor the dead, one's ancestors, and all wandering souls</i>
<i>8/14</i>	<i>Janmashtami – Hindu celebration of the borth of Lord Krishna and his rescue from death</i>
<i>8/14</i>	<i>Pakistan's Independence Day</i>
<i>8/15</i>	<i>India's Independence Day</i>
<i>8/22</i>	<i>Ramadan – Islam, the daytime fast begins</i>
<i>8/23</i>	<i>Now Ruz- Zoroasterian Calendar New Year celebrated in Iran</i>
<i>8/26</i>	<i>Women's Equality Day – USA</i>