



## OBSERVANCES AND RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

# MARCH 2024

### OBSERVANCES

The National Women’s History Month’s theme for 2024 celebrates “Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.” The theme recognizes women throughout the country who understand that, for a positive future, we need to eliminate bias and discrimination entirely from our lives and institutions.

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03	04	05	06	07	08 Maha Shivaratri International Women’s Day	09
10 Harriet Tubman’s Birthday First Day of Ramadan	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	22	23 Purium
24 Purium Holi	25 Holi Hola Mohalla	26 Hola Mohalla	27 Hola Mohalla	28	29	30
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**Maha Shivaratri:** An annual Hindu festival, Maha Shivaratri gives reverence to the Lord Shiva god. The festival is also known as 'Great Night of Shiva' or 'Shivaratri'.

**Holi:** Holi is a popular and significant Hindu festival celebrated as the Festival of Colours, Love and Spring. It celebrates the eternal and divine love of the deities Radha and Krishna. Additionally, the day signifies the triumph of good over evil, as it commemorates the victory of Vishnu as Narasimha over Hiranyakashipu.

**International Women's Day:** International Women's Day is a global holiday celebrated annually on March 8 as a focal point in the women's rights movement, bringing attention to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights and violence and abuse against women.

**Hola Mohalla:** Hola Mohalla, also called Hola, is a three-day long Sikh festival which takes place on the second day of the lunar month of Chett, usually a day after the Hindu spring festival Holi but sometimes, coincides with it. Hola Mohalla is a big festive event for Sikhs around the world.

**Harriet Tubman's Birthday Day:** The former slave who saved countless others in the Underground Railroad. The Underground Railroad was a network of people (both African American and white) who offered shelter and aid to escaped enslaved people from the South.

**Easter:** Easter also called Resurrection Sunday or Pascha is one of the most important days in the Christian faith commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead according to the New Testament.

**First Day of Ramadan:** The holy month of fasting, introspection and prayer celebrated by Muslims.

**Orthodox Easter:** This day celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead on the third day after his crucifixion on Orthodox Good Friday.

**Purim:** The Feast of Lots in the Jewish faith that honors the survival of ancient Persian Jews who were marked for death.