# 2013 **Health & Wellness Observances Calendar**



# **JANUARY 2013**

Continue the season of giving into the new year by organizing a blood drive in your community.

# **Cervical Health Awareness Month**

National Cervical Cancer Coalition (NCCC) www.nccc-online.org

# **National Birth Defects Prevention Month**

March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation www.marchofdimes.com

Center for Disease Control & Prevention www.cdc.gov

#### **National Blood Donor Month**

American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) www.aabb.org

#### **National Glaucoma Awareness Month**

Glaucoma Research Foundation www.glaucoma.org

# **January 6 - 12 National Folic Acid Awareness Week**

National Council on Folic Acid folicacidinfo.org

# **January 13 – 19** (third week of January)

**Healthy Weight Week** Healthy Weight Network

www.healthyweightnetwork.com

# **January 21** (Martin Luther King Day) King Day of Service (annually)

Corporation for National and Community Service www.mlkday.gov

#### January 20 - 26

#### **National Certified Nurse Anesthetists Week**

American Association of Nurse Anesthetists www.aana.com

# **FEBRUARY 2013**

About 1/3 of common cancers can be prevented with healthy living choices such as diet, exercise, and weight management.

#### **AMD/Low Vision Awareness Month**

Prevent Blindness America www.preventblindness.org

#### **American Heart Month**

Contact your local chapter of the American Heart Association

**AHA National Center** www.americanheart.org www.cdc.gov

# **National Cancer Prevention Month**

American Institute for Cancer Research www.aicr.org **American Cancer Society** www.cancer.org

# National Children's Dental Health Month

Contact the state or local dental society American Dental Association www.ada.org

# **National Condom Month**

The Bacchus Network National Office www.bacchusnetwork.org

#### **National Senior Independence Month**

Administration on Aging www.aoa.gov

#### Wise Health Consumer Month

American Institute for Preventive Medicine www.healthylife.com

# February 1

# **National Girls & Women in Sports Day**

National Girls and Women in Sports Coalition AAHPERD

www.aahperd.org/nagws/programs/ngwsd

# February 1

# **National Wear Red Day**

The Heart Truth—a National Awareness Campaign for Women About Heart Disease
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
Health Information Center
www.hearttruth.gov or
Women Heart
www.womenheart.org or
Go Red For Women Cause Initiatives
American Heart Association National Center

www.goredforwomen.org/national\_wear\_red\_day.aspx

# February 3 – 9

# **National Cardiac Rehabilitation Week**

AACVPR Office www.aacvpr.org

**February 14** (Valentine's Day) **National Condom Awareness Day** <u>www.ashastd.org</u>

# February 11 - 17

#### **Random Acts of Kindness Week**

Random Acts of Kindness Foundation www.randomactsofkindness.org

# February 24 – March 2

# **National Eating Disorders Awareness Week**

National Eating Disorders Association www.nationaleatingdisorders.org

# February 22 World Thinking Day

Girl Scouts

www.girlscouts.org/who we are/global/world thinking day/

# Late February – Early April Collegiate Safe Spring Break Programming

The Bacchus Network National Office www.bacchusnetwork.org

# **MARCH 2013**

Confused by all the different diets? Talk to a registered dietitian for food and nutritian solutions for your lifestyle.

#### **American Red Cross Month**

American Red Cross, National Headquarters or contact your local chapter <a href="https://www.redcross.org">www.redcross.org</a>

## **Brain Injury Awareness Month**

Brain Injury Association of America www.biausa.org

### **Hemophilia Month**

National Hemophilia Foundation www.hemophilia.org

### **National Colorectal Awareness Month**

Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation www.preventcancer.org/colorectal

#### **National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month**

The Arc of the United States www.thearc.org

#### **National Eye Donor Month**

EBAA, Eye Bank Association of America www.restoresight.org

# **National Kidney Month**

National Kidney Foundation www.kidney.org

#### **National Nutrition Month**

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics www.eatright.org

#### **National Poison Prevention Month**

Poison Prevention Council www.poisonprevention.org
American Association of Poison Control Centers www.aapcc.org

### National Professional Social Work Month

National Association of Social Workers www.socialworkers.org

#### **Save Your Vision Month**

American Optometric Association www.aoa.org

# **Workplace Eye Health and Safety Month**

Prevent Blindness America www.preventblindness.org

#### **National Athletic Trainers Month**

National Athletic Trainers' Association <a href="http://www.nata.org/">http://www.nata.org/</a>

# March 3 - 9

#### **National Collegiate Health and Wellness Week**

The Bacchus Network National Office www.bacchusnetwork.org

#### March 3 – 9

# **National Problem Gambling Awareness Week**

The National Council on Problem Gambling, Inc. <a href="https://www.ncpgambling.org/">www.ncpgambling.org/</a>

#### March 4 - 8

#### **National School Breakfast Week**

School Nutrition Association www.schoolnutrition.org

# March 5 – 11 (week before daylight savings time)

#### **National Sleep Awareness Week**

National Sleep Foundation www.sleepfoundation.org

# March 13 - 19

# **National Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week**

American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation <a href="https://www.aacvpr.org">www.aacvpr.org</a>

# March 21 (third Thursday)

# **Companies that Care Day**

Center for Companies that Care <a href="https://www.companies-that-care.org/action/caredays">www.companies-that-care.org/action/caredays</a>

#### March 17 - 23

#### **National Poison Prevention Week**

Poison Prevention Council www.poisonprevention.org

# March 18 - 222

# **National Youth Violence Prevention Week**

National Association of SAVE www.nationalsave.org

#### March 20

# **National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**

Commitment to Action for 7th Generation Awareness & Education: HIV/AIDS Prevention Project www.happ.colostate.edu or National Native American AIDS Prevention Center

www.nnaapc.org

# March 27 Kick Butts Day

Campaign for Tobacco–Free Kids www.tobaccofreekids.org

# March 22

# **World Water Day**

RC International Water and Sanitation Centre www.unwater.org

# March 26 (fourth Tuesday in March) American Diabetes Alert Day

American Diabetes Association www.diabetes.org

# **APRIL 2013**

Celebrate World Health Day on April 7 by learning about health issues around the globe, and what you can do to help.

#### **National Alcohol Awareness Month**

SAMSHA's National Clearinghouse for Alcohol & Drug Information <a href="https://www.ncadd.org">www.ncadd.org</a>

#### **National Cancer Control Month**

Contact your local chapter or American Cancer Society www.cancer.org

#### **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Prevent Child Abuse America
<a href="https://www.preventchildabuse.org">www.preventchildabuse.org</a>
Child Welfare Information Gateway
Children's Bureau/ACYF
<a href="https://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/">www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/</a>

# **National Counseling Awareness Month**

American Counseling Association (ACA) www.counseling.org

# **National Donate Life Month**

HRSA Information Center <a href="https://www.organdonor.gov/">www.organdonor.gov/</a>

#### **Stress Awareness Month**

American Counseling Association (ACA) <a href="https://www.counseling.org">www.counseling.org</a>

#### **National Humor Month**

Association for Applied and Therapeutic Humor www.aath.org

# National Minority Health & Health Disparities Month

Office of Minority Health Resource Center www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov

#### **National Occupational Therapy Month**

The American Occupational Therapy Association www.aota.org

# **National STDs/Family Planning Awareness Month**

American Social Health Association www.ashastd.org/

#### Sexual Assault Awareness Month

National Sexual Violence Resource Center <a href="https://www.nsvrc.org">www.nsvrc.org</a>

# Late February – Early April Safe Spring Break Programming

The BACCHUS Network National Office Association Task Force on Alcohol and Other Drugs www.bacchusnetwork.org American College Health Association www.acha.org/index.cfm

#### **April 1 – 7**

#### **National Public Health Week**

American Public Health Association www.apha.org

# April 3 (first Wednesday of April)

# **International Children's Book Day**

International Board on Books for Young People Basel, Switzerland <a href="https://www.ibby.org/index.php?id=269">www.ibby.org/index.php?id=269</a>

# April 3 (first Wednesday of April)

# **National Day of Hope**

Childhelp USA National Hdqtrs www.childhelpusa.orq

# **April 5 - 7**

#### **Alcohol-Free Weekend**

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. www.ncadd.org

#### April 7 – 13 (first full week)

#### **National Week of the Ocean**

National Week of the Ocean Website www.national-week-of-the-ocean.org/

# April 7 (annually on April 7)

# **World Health Day**

World Health Organization www.who.org or www.paho.org

# April 10

# **Siblings Day**

Siblings Day Foundation www.siblingsday.org/bodyframe.htm

#### April 11

#### **National Alcohol Screening Day**

Screening for Mental Health, Inc. www.mentalhealthscreening.org

# **April 14 - 20**

# **National Library Week**

American Library Association www.ala.org

#### **April 14 - 20**

#### **National Environmental Education Week (eeweek)**

National Environmental Education Foundation www.eeweek.org

#### April 16

# **International Moment of Laughter Day**

Izzy Gesell, Wide Angle Humor www.izzyg.com

# April 16 (annually on April 16)

# **National Healthcare Decisions Day**

www.nhdd.org

# April 21 - 27 (third week of April)

#### **National Volunteer Week**

The Points of Light and Hands on Network <a href="https://www.PointsofLight.org">www.PointsofLight.org</a>

#### **April 15 – 21**

#### **Medical Fitness Week**

Medical Fitness Association www.medicalfitness.org

#### **April 15 - 21**

# **National Minority Cancer Awareness Week**

National Cancer Institute Public Inquiries Office cancernet.nci.nih.gov

#### April 20-22

# **Global Youth Service Day**

Youth Service America www.ysa.org/qysd

#### **April 21 – 28**

#### **National Infant Immunization Week**

CDC, National Immunization Program www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw

# April 22

# **Earth Day**

Earth Day Network www.earthday.net

# April 25 (fourth Thursday April)

# Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day

Daughters And Sons To Work® Day www.daughtersandsonstowork.org

# **April 26** (fourth Friday in April) **Remember Children Lost to Violence**

Child Welfare League of America www.cwla.orq

# **MAY 2013**

During National Mental Health Month, help to end the stigmas by encouraging greater awareness and outreach.

# **Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month**

Allergy and Asthma Foundation of America www.aafa.org or www.aanma.org

# **Better Sleep Month**

The Better Sleep Council www.bettersleep.org

#### **Clean Air Month**

Centers for Disease Control www.cdc.gov/features/cleanairmonth

#### **Correct Posture Month**

American Chiropractic Association Communications Department www.amerchiro.org

# **Employee Health & Fitness Month**

National Association for Health and Fitness, ACTIVE Life www.healthandfitnessmonth.com

#### **Healthy Vision Month/UV Safety**

National Eye Institute www.nei.nih.gov/hvm

#### **Hepatitis Awareness Month**

Hepatitis Foundation International www.hepfi.org

# **Huntington's Disease Awareness Month**

Huntington's Disease Society of America www.hdsa.org

#### **Lupus Awareness Month**

Lupus Foundation of America, Inc. www.lupus.orq

# **National Arthritis Month**

Arthritis Foundation www.arthritis.org

#### **National Bike Month**

League of American Bicyclists www.bikeleague.org

# **National High Blood Pressure Education Month**

NHLBI Information Center www.nhlbi.nih.qov

#### **National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Awareness Month**

American Academy of Dermatology www.aad.org or American Cancer Society www.skincancer.org

#### **National Mental Health Month**

National Mental Health Association www.nmha.org

# **National Osteoporosis Awareness Prevention Month**

National Osteoporosis Foundation www.nof.org

# **National Physical Fitness and Sports Month**

President's Council on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition <a href="https://www.fitness.gov">www.fitness.gov</a>

#### **National Stroke Awareness Month**

National Stroke Association
<a href="https://www.stroke.org">www.stroke.org</a> or
<a href="https://www.stroke.org">American Heart Association (National Center)</a>
<a href="https://www.americanheart.org">www.americanheart.org</a> or contact your local AHA office

# **National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month**

Advocates for Youth <a href="https://www.advocatesforyouth.org">www.advocatesforyouth.org</a>

# National Tuberous Sclerosis Awareness Month

Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance www.tsalliance.org

#### **Older Americans Month**

U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services Administration on Aging www.aoa.gov May 1 – 7 (same dates annually)

# **National Physical Education and Sports Week**

National Association for Sport and Physical Education www.aahperd.org

May 1 (first Wednesday in May)

**Project Aces Day** 

(All Children Exercise Simultaneously)

Youth Fitness Coalition, Inc. www.projectaces.com

May 5 (first Saturday in May)

# Join Hands Day: Youth and Adults Volunteering Together

Points of Light and Hands on Network www.joinhandsday.org

May 6 - 12 (same dates each year)

#### **National Nurses Week**

American Nurses Association www.nursingworld.org

# May 5 – 11 (first full week in May)

# **International Building Safety Week**

International Code Council Foundation www.icc-foundation.org

May 5 – 11 (first full week in May)

#### **Be Kind to Animals Week**

Canadian Federation of Humane Societies <a href="https://www.cfhs.ca">www.cfhs.ca</a>
American Humane Association <a href="https://www.americanhumane.org/">www.americanhumane.org/</a>

**May 12 – 18** (Mother's Day week)

# **National Nursing Home Week**

American Health Care Association <a href="http://www.nnhw.org">http://www.nnhw.org</a>

May 12 – 18 (Mother's Day week)

#### **Women's Health Week**

Office on Women's Health Department of Health and Human Services <u>www.womenshealth.gov</u>

May 6 - 10

#### **National Hospital Week**

American Hospital Association www.aha.org

# May 5 – 11 (first full week in May)

# North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH)

American Society of Safety Engineers <a href="https://www.asse.org/naosh">www.asse.org/naosh</a>

May 8 (same date each year)

# **World Red Cross/Red Crescent Day**

American Red Cross Or contact your local chapter www.redcross.org

**May 11** 

# **World Fair Trade Day**

World Fair Trade Association (WFTO) www.wfto.org

May 12 (during National Nurses Week)

# **School Nurse Day**

www.nasn.org

May 13 - 19

# National Volunteer Week - Australia

The Center for Volunteering <a href="https://www.volunteering.com.au/contact\_us.asp">www.volunteering.com.au/contact\_us.asp</a>

May 13 - 17 (third week in May)

# **Bike to Work Week**

League of American Bicyclists www.bikeleague.org

May 15 (third Wednesday)

#### **National Employee Health and Fitness Day**

National Association for Health and Fitness www.physicalfitness.org

May 20

#### **World Autoimmune Arthritis Day**

International Autoimmunie Arthritis Movement www.worldautoimmunearthritisday.org

May 19 – 25 (last full week in May)

# **Older Americans Mental Health Week**

Older Women's League www.owl-national.org

May 29 (last Wednesday in May)

**National Senior Health & Fitness Day** 

www.fitnessday.com

# **JUNE 2013**

Hiking is a great way to get people moving and enjoying the outdoors. Organize a trail hike on June 1, or anytime this month!

# (June & July)

# **Fireworks Safety Months**

National Council on Fireworks Safety www.fireworksafety.com

#### **National Great Outdoors Month**

American Recreation Coalition www.funoutdoors.org

### **National Safety Month**

National Safety Council www.nsc.org

#### **National Scleroderma Awareness Month**

United Scleroderma Foundation, Inc. <a href="https://www.scleroderma.org">www.scleroderma.org</a>

June 1 – 7 (same each year)

#### **National Headache Awareness Week**

National Headache Foundation www.headaches.org

June 1 (annually on June 1)

# Stand for Children Day

www.stand.org

June 1 (first Saturday in June)

#### **National Trails Day**

American Hiking Society www.americanhiking.org

#### June 2

# **National Cancer Survivors Day**

National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation www.ncsdf.org

June 5

# **World Environment Day**

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) <a href="https://www.unep.org/wed">www.unep.org/wed</a>

June 9 (Second Sunday in June) National Children's Day www.nationalchildrensday.us

June 10 – 16 (ending with Father's Day)
National Men's Health Week
National Men's Health Network
www.menshealthweek.org

June 14 (same date each year) World Blood Donor Day www.wbdd.org

June 27 (same date each year)
National HIV Testing Day
National Association of People With AIDS
www.napwa.org

# **JULY 2103**

Make plans to attend the National Wellness Conference this month! Expand your personal and professional wellness!

# (June & July) Fireworks Safety Months

National Council on Fireworks Safety www.fireworksafety.com

# **Eye Injury Prevention Month**

Federal Occupational Health <a href="https://www.foh.dhhs.gov/Public/NYCU/eyeinjury.asp">www.foh.dhhs.gov/Public/NYCU/eyeinjury.asp</a>

#### **UV Safety Month**

American Academy of Ophthalmology <a href="https://www.aao.org">www.aao.org</a>

July 7 – 13 (second week in July)

# **National Therapeutic Recreation Week**

NTRS - Branch of the National Park and Recreation Association <a href="https://www.nrpa.org">www.nrpa.org</a>

July 14 – 20

# **Every Body Deserves a Massage Week**

Associated Bodywork & Massage Professionals <a href="https://www.abmp.com">www.abmp.com</a>

# **AUGUST 2013**

This month, support your local health centers and the impact they have on community health and wellness!

#### **Cataract Awareness Month**

American Academy of Ophthalmology <a href="https://www.aao.org">www.aao.org</a>

# **Medic Alert Awareness Month**

www.medicalert.org

# **National Breastfeeding Month**

United States Breastfeeding Committee <a href="http://www.usbreastfeeding.org/">http://www.usbreastfeeding.org/</a>

#### **National Immunization Awareness Month**

Center for Disease Control & Prevention www.cdc.gov/vaccines

## Children's Eye Health and Safety Month

Prevent Blindness America www.preventblindness.org

# **August 1 – 7**

# **World Breastfeeding Week**

La Leche League International www.llli.org/

#### **August 5 – 9** (second week in August)

#### **National Health Center Week**

National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc. <u>www.healthcenterweek.com</u>

#### August 6

# **National Night Out**

America's Night Out Against Crime <a href="https://www.nationalnightout.org/nno/about.html">www.nationalnightout.org/nno/about.html</a>

# August 9

# **International Day of the World's Indigenous People**

United Nations www.unesco.org

# SEPTEMBER 2013

Invite a yoga instructor to your workplace to demonstrate yoga's benefits for people of all levels of ability.

# **Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk** (Fall Weekend)

Dates vary depending location. Contact your local Alzheimer's Association or visit <a href="https://www.alz.org">www.alz.org</a>

#### America on the Move - Month of Action

American on the Move Foundation STEPtember, a month-long celebration inviting people to become more active and eat more healthfully (2010 new) www.americaonthemove.org

# **Baby Safety Awareness Month**

Juvenile Product Manufacturers Association www.jpma.org

# **BioDiversity Month**

Dept. of the Environment and Heritage Australia <a href="https://www.enviornment.gov.au/biodiversity">www.enviornment.gov.au/biodiversity</a>

#### **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**

CureSearch for Children's Cancer www.curesearch.org

#### Fruit & Veggie Month

Fruits & Veggies More Matters www.fruitsandveggiesmatter.gov www.movingtothefuture.org

# **Healthy Aging™ Month**

Healthy Aging Campaign Educational Television Network, Inc. www.healthyaging.net

# Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness Month

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America www.leukemia—lymphoma.org

# **National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month**

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information www.recoverymonth.gov

# **National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month**

President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition www.fitness.gov

#### **National Cholesterol Education Awareness Month**

National Heart, Lung, & Blood Institute <u>hp2010.nhlbihin.net/cholmonth</u>

### **National Food Safety Education Month**

International Food Safety Council
National Restaurant Association
<a href="https://www.servsafe.com">www.servsafe.com</a>
Educational Foundation International Food Safety Council
<a href="https://www.foodsafety.gov">www.foodsafety.gov</a>

# **National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month**

National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, Inc. www.ovarian.org

#### **National Menopause Awareness Month**

North American Menopause Society www.menopause.org

#### **National Pain Awareness Month**

American Pain Foundation www.painfoundation.org

# **National Preparedness Month**

Cosponsored by American Red Cross www.redcross.org and U.S. Dept of Homeland Security www.ready.gov

# **National Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month**

Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc. www.sicklecelldisease.org

#### **National Yoga Month**

Yoga Health Foundation www.yogamonth.org

## **Prostate Health Month**

National Prostate Cancer Coalition www.menshealthnetwork.org

#### **Sports and Home Eye Safety Month**

Prevent Blindness America www.preventblindness.org

#### **Whole Grains Month**

The Whole Grains Council www.wholegrainscouncil.org/get-involved/celebratewhole-grains-month-in-september

**September 1 – 7** (same date annually) **National Childhood Injury Prevention Week** 

The American Academy of Pediatrics www.aap.org/healthtopics/safety.cfm Safe Kids Worldwide http://www.safekids.org/

**September 1 – 7** (first full week in September) **Suicide Prevention Week** 

American Association of Suicidology www.suicidology.org

September 7 - 13

**National Assisted Living Week** 

National Center for Assisted Living www.nalw.org

September 7 (annually Sept. 7) **National Threatened Species Day** 

U.S. Headquarters, World Wildlife Fund (WWF) www.worldwildlife.org

September 11

**National Day of Service and Remembrance** www. 911day.org/

**September 15-21** (third week in September) **National Rehabilitation Week** 

National Rehabilitation Awareness Foundation www.nraf-rehabnet.org/

**September 15-21** (third week in September) **National Farm Safety and Health Week** 

National Educational Center for Agricultural Safety www.nsc.org/necas

September 22 – 28 (last full week)

**Active Aging Week** 

International Council on Active Aging www.icaa.cc

**September 19** (third Wednesday)

**Backpack Awareness Day** 

The American Occupational Therapy Association www.aota.org

**September 17** (third Tuesday) Take A Loved One to the Doctor Day

National Health Information Center http://drday.blackamericaweb.com/

September 21 (Sept. 21 annually) **International Day of Peace** 

**United Nations** www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/

September 25 (last Wednesday)

National Women's Health & Fitness Day

Health Information Resource Center www.fitnessday.com/women

**September 28** (last Saturday)

Family Health and Fitness Day USA

Health Information Resource Center www.fitnessday.com/family

September 28 (last Saturday)

**National Public Lands Day** 

National Public Lands Day www.publiclandsday.org

# OCTOBER 2013

Lung health isn't just about not smoking. Learn more about the occupational and environemenal factors tied to lung disease.

Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk (Fall Weekend)

Dates vary depending location. Contact your local Alzheimer's Association or visit www.alz.org

#### **American Heart Walk**

Dates vary depending on your location. American Heart Association www.heartwalk.org

**Auto Battery Safety Month** 

Prevent Blindness America www.preventblindness.org

**Eat Better, Eat Together Month** 

Washington State University nutrition.wsu.edu/ebet/

#### Children's Health Month

Office of Children's Health Protection
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
yosemite.epa.gov/ochp/ochpweb.nsf/content/chm-home.htm

#### **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

National Resource Center for Domestic Violence <a href="https://www.nrcdv.org">www.nrcdv.org</a>

## **Health Literacy Month**

Health Literacy Consulting www.healthliteracymonth.org

# **Healthy Babies Month**

March of Dimes/Birth Defects Foundation www.marchofdimes.com

# **Healthy Lung Month**

American Lung Association www.lungusa.org

#### **National Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

<u>www.nbcam.org</u> or The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation <u>www.komen.org</u>

#### **National Chiropractic Month**

American Chiropractic Association <a href="https://www.acatoday.org/NCHM">www.acatoday.org/NCHM</a>

#### **National Crime Prevention Month**

National Crime Prevention Council <a href="https://www.ncpc.org">www.ncpc.org</a>

# **National Dental Hygiene Month**

American Dental Hygienists Association <a href="https://www.adha.org/ndhm">www.adha.org/ndhm</a>

# **National Depression and Mental Health Screening Month**

Screening for Mental Health, Inc. www.mentalhealthscreening.org

# **National Disability Employment Awareness Month**

U.S. Dept. of Labor www.dol.gov/

#### **National Family Sexuality Education Month**

Planned Parenthood Federation of America www.plannedparenthood.org/

# **National Liver Awareness Month**

American Liver Foundation www.liverfoundation.org

#### **National Physical Therapy Month**

American Physical Therapy Association www.apta.org

#### **National Spina Bifida Month**

Spina Bifida Association of America www.sbaa.org

# National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month

SIDS Alliance www.sidsalliance.org

#### National UNICEF Month: Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF.

National Office of the US Fund for UNICEF www.unicefusa.org

#### **National Work and Family Month**

Alliance for Work–Life Progress www.awlp.org

# **Talk About Prescriptions Month**

National Council on Patient Information and Education <a href="https://www.talkaboutrx.org">www.talkaboutrx.org</a>

# **Vegetarian Awareness Month**

North American Vegetarian Society www.worldvegetarianday.org

October 1 (annually same date)

# **International Day of Older Persons**

http://www.un.org/en/events/olderpersonsday

# October 1 (first Monday in October) Child Health Day

U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services mchb.hrsa.gov

October 1 (first Monday in October)

# **World Habitat Day**

UN Habitat <a href="https://www.unhabitat.org/">www.unhabitat.org/</a>

# October 9

# International Walk-to-School Day

National Center for Safe Routes to School www.walktoschool.org

October 6 – 12 (first full week in October)
National Mental Illness Awareness Week

American Psychiatric Association <u>www.healthyminds.org</u> NAMI – National Alliance on Mental Illness <u>www.nami.org/miaw</u>

October 7 – 13 (Week including October 9 – Chicago Fire)
National Fire Prevention Week

National Fire Protection Association www.nfpa.org

October 10 (always October 10)
World Mental Health Day
World Federation for Mental Health
www.wfmh.org

October 10 (always October 10)
Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day
www.brakesonfatalities.org

October 13 – 19 (second full week)
National School Lunch Week
School Nutrition Association
www.schoolnutrition.org

October 17 (always October 17)
International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
United Nations
<a href="https://www.un.org/depts/dhl/poverty">www.un.org/depts/dhl/poverty</a>

October 20 (same date annually)
World Osteoporosis Day
International Osteoporosis Foundation

www.worldosteoporosisday.org

October 20 – 26 (third full week in October)

**International Infection Prevention Week**Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. <a href="www.apic.org">www.apic.org</a>

**October 20-26** (third week in October) **National Health Education Week** Society for Public Health Education <u>www.sophe.org</u> October 20 – 26 (third week in October)
National Healthcare Quality Week
National Association for Healthcare Quality
www.nahq.org/

October 20 – 26 (third week)
Make Your Mark Week
GenerationOn Kids Care Clubs
www.kidscare.org/about/kidsCareWeek

October 20 – 26 (third week)
National Consultant & Senior Care Pharmacists Week
American Society of Consultant Pharmacists
www.ascp.com

October 20 – 26 (last full week Oct)
National Respiratory Care Week
American Association for Respiratory Care
www.aarc.org

October 23 – 31 (same dates annually)
National Red Ribbon Celebration/
National Plant the Promise Week
(Campaign to keep kids off drugs)
National Family Partnership at
www.nfp.org

October 24 (same date annually)
Food Day
Center for Science in the Public Interest
www.foodday.org

October 24 (same date annually)
Take Back Your Time Day
The Simplicity Forum
www.timeday.org/

October 30 (Wed of last week)
Lung Health Day
American Association for Respiratory Care
www.aarc.org

October 26 (fourth Sat in Oct)
Make a Difference Day
www.makeadifferenceday.com

# **NOVEMBER 2013**

Educate yourself and others on the risks of diabetes, and how to reduce them with diet, exercise, and other treatment options.

#### **American Diabetes Month**

American Diabetes Association www.diabetes.org

# **Native American Heritage Month**

Indian Health Service (HQ) www.ihs.gov/index.cfm nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/

#### **Diabetic Eye Disease Month**

Prevent Blindness America www.preventblindness.org

#### **Great American Smokeout Month**

American Cancer Society www.cancer.org

#### **National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month**

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association www.alz.org

#### **National Child Mental Health Month**

c/o New York University Child Study Center www.aboutourkids.org

# **National Epilepsy Awareness Month**

Epilepsy Foundation of America www.efa.org

# **National Family Caregivers Month**

National Family Caregivers Association www.nfcacares.org

#### **National Healthy Skin Month**

American Academy of Dermatology www.aad.org

# **National Home Care Month**

National Association for Home Care & Hospice www.nahc.org

# **National Hospice Month**

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization www.nhpco.org

#### **Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month**

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network www.pancan.org

#### **Prematurity Awareness Month**

March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation www.marchofdimes.com

# **November 17 – 23** (week before Thanksgiving) **American Education Week**

National Education Association www.nea.org

# November 13 World Kindness Day

www.worldkindness.org.sg

# **November 14** (always Nov 14) **World Diabetes Day**

International Diabetes Federation www.worlddiabetesday.org

# November 15 (always Nov 15)

National Philanthropy Day

Association of Fundraising Professionals <a href="https://www.NationalPhilanthropyDay.net">www.NationalPhilanthropyDay.net</a>

# November 15 (always Nov 15)

# **America Recycles Day**

National Recycling Coalition, Inc. www.americarecyclesday.org

#### **November 21** (third Thursday)

#### **Great American Smokeout**

American Cancer Society www.cancer.org

#### **November 23**

# **International Survivors of Suicide Day**

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) <a href="https://www.afsp.org/survivorday">www.afsp.org/survivorday</a>

# November 21 – January 1 Tie One On For Safety Campaign

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) <a href="https://www.madd.org">www.madd.org</a>

**November 22** (always Thanksgiving Day) **National Family Health History Day** U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services <u>www.hhs.gov/familyhistory/</u>

# **DECEMBER 2013**

Consider healthy holiday gifts like yoga lessons, new pedometer, or a health journal. Good health is always in style!

#### **International AIDS Awareness Month**

International HIV/AIDS Alliance www.aidsalliance.org/

# National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention (3D) Month

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration <a href="http://www.nhtsa.gov/StopImpairedDriving">http://www.nhtsa.gov/StopImpairedDriving</a>

# **Safe Toys and Gifts Month**

Prevent Blindness America www.preventblindness.org

**December 1** (annually) **World AIDS Day** 

World AIDS Campaign www.worldaidscampaign.org

**December 1 – 7** (First full week of Dec) **Aplastic Anemia amd MDS Week** 

Aplastic Anemia and MDS Internl, Inc. www.aamds.org

**December 1 – 7** (First full week of Dec)

National Hand Washing Awareness Week

Henry the Hand Foundation www.henrythehand.com

**December 1 – 7 National Influenza Vaccination Week**www.cdc.gov/flu/nivw/

**December 5 International Volunteer Day** 

United Nations Volunteers <a href="https://www.unv.org">www.unv.org</a> www.worldvolunteerweb.org

**December 10** (annually) **Human Rights Day** United Nations Human Rights <u>www.ohchr.org</u>

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