

# *Treasury Diversity Calendar*

## *February 2025*

### February Monthly Observances

#### **February**

#### **Black History Month**

A month-long celebration since 1970, Black History Month celebrates and recognizes the significant achievements and history of Black Americans in the U.S. The theme for 2025 is “African Americans and Labor.”

#### **National Cancer Prevention Month**

Established by presidential proclamation in 2024, the month honors the strength and courage of the millions of Americans battling cancer and brings awareness to the disease.

### February Daily Observances

#### **February 1:**

#### **National Freedom Day**

A United States observance honoring the signing by President Abraham Lincoln of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which abolished slavery in the U.S.

#### **February 2:**

#### **Self-Renewal Day**

Celebrated annually, this day offers an opportunity for individuals to focus on self-renewal in all forms, including self-care, self-assessment, and self-improvement.

#### **February 2:**

#### **Groundhog Day**

Groundhog Day is a popular tradition celebrated on February 2nd in the United States and Canada. According to folklore, if a groundhog emerges from its burrow, sees its shadow, due to clear weather and retreats into its burrow, winter will persist for six more weeks. If it does not see its shadow because of cloudiness, spring will arrive early.

#### **February 4:**

#### **Rosa Parks Day**

Celebrated on her birthday, this day is to honor Rosa Parks and her acknowledge her significant contribution to the Civil Rights Movement. The day serves as a reminder of the importance of standing against injustice.

#### **February 11:**

#### **International Day of Women and Girls in Science**

This day commemorates and celebrates the significant contributions of women and girls in science and technology. Its focus is on girls entering Science,

Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) careers and aims to bring greater awareness and equity in these fields

- February 12:**           **International Epilepsy Day**  
An annual awareness day established by the World Health Organization to bring attention to epilepsy and the availability of treatment to those who need it.
- February 14:**           **Valentine’s Day**  
Also known as St. Valentine’s Day, its origins date back to the Roman Empire in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD. The day has evolved over the centuries into a global celebration of love, affection, and friendship for our loves ones.
- February 15:**           **Nirvana Day**  
Also called Parinirvana Day, this annual Buddhist holiday commemorates the death of the Buddha at 80 and his entry into Nirvana. This day is a time to reflect on and contemplate the Buddha’s teachings.
- February 15:**           **International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day**  
Established by the World Health Organization, this day is to raise awareness about childhood cancer and to express support for children with cancer and their families.
- February 15:**           **Susan B. Anthony Day**  
Celebrated on Susan B. Anthony’s birthday, this day honors her legacy and her impact on women’s rights.
- February 17:**           **Presidents’ Day**  
Created in 1879, the federal holiday celebrates the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln
- February 20:**           **World Day of Social Justice**  
Created by the United Nations in 2007, this day encourages a focus on fairness, equality, human rights and social justice issues.
- February 28:**           **Ramadan**  
It is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and the start of a sacred period observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community support. February 28th marks the first day of Ramadan.