

## Religious, Cultural & Ethnic Holidays & Days of Observance

### October 2020

This handout is to call your attention to just some of the many nationally and internationally recognized and/or celebrated diverse days of observance and religious/ethnic holidays that fall within the month of October 2020. We invite you to share it with the students, staff, and faculty you work with across campus. For more information, feel free to visit the Multicultural Resource Calendar located on the Initiatives for Identity, Inclusion, & Belonging Staff website:

[http://www.diversityresources.com/aa\\_gsr/index.php?key=adCaO2Shix6u](http://www.diversityresources.com/aa_gsr/index.php?key=adCaO2Shix6u)

Thank you,

The Initiatives for Identity, Inclusion, & Belonging Staff

**October 2-9 – Sukkot:** a biblical Jewish holiday and feast celebrated on the 15th day of the seventh month, Tishrei

**October 4 – St Francis Day:** Commemorating the life of St Francis, the Catholic Church's patron saint of animals and the environment

**October 10 – Shemini Atzeret:** Jewish holy day devoted to the spiritual aspects of the festival of Sukkot

**October 11 – Simchat Torah:** a Jewish holiday that celebrates and marks the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings, and the beginning of a new cycle

**October 17-26 – Navaratri:** a Hindu festival that spans nine nights and is celebrated every year in the autumn

**October 20 – Birth of the Báb:** Baha'i observation of the birth of the Báb

**October 20 – Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth:** Sikh tradition of honoring the scriptures that contains wisdom from esteemed members of other religions, was compiled by multiple faith leaders

**October 25 – Dasara:** major Hindu festival celebrated at the end of Navaratri every year

**October 29 – Mawlid an Nabi:** the observance of the birthday of Islamic prophet Muhammad

**October 31 – Samhain:** Pagan and Wiccan observation of the end of the year's final harvest, a time to remember the dead and celebrate the cycle of life