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Native American Citizenship Day

June 15, 1924, the US Congress passed legislation recognizing the citizenship of Native Americans.

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Laylat Al Qadr

27th day of Ramadan, the holiest night of the year for Muslims, commemorates the night the Quran was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. [June 10-11 in 2018]

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Martyrdom of Guru Arjan

June 16 Sikhs honor Guru Arjan, who in 1606 CE was arrested and asked to convert to Islam. He refused, was tortured and executed.

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Eid-al-Fitr

The end of Ramadan, a month of fasting and prayer. It is first day of the Islamic month of Shawwal.

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Juneteenth, Freedom Day or Emancipation Day

June 19 honors the day in 1865 when slaves in Texas and Louisiana finally heard they were free, two months after the end of the Civil War.

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LGBT Pride Day

June 26 commemorates the Stonewall riots, a series of spontaneous demonstrations by members of the LGBT community against a police raid June 28, 1969 at the Stonewall Inn, Greenwich Village, Manhattan, New York.

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Litha—Tribute to Light and Life

June 25 Adherents of Wicca and Paganism look to the Sun God on the summer solstice, noting the full abundance of nature at the point of mid-summer. Fruit, parties, and bonfires.

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Stonehenge

An ancient prehistoric world heritage site which has been a place of worship and celebration at the time of Summer Solstice for thousands of years. The heelstone marks the midsummer sunrise as viewed from the center of the stone circle.

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Midsummer

June 20-25. In Scandinavia, the longest day of the year is one of the most cherished holidays of the year. Smorgasbord lunch, games, dancing and bonfires.

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Inti Raymi

Sun festival — a religious ceremony of the Inca Empire in honor of the god Inti and celebrating the winter solstice. The last Inti Raymi with the Inca Emperor's presence was carried out in 1535, after which the Spanish and the Catholic priests banned it.

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Flag Day

June 14 in the United States is celebration of the history and symbolism of the American flag.

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Shavuot

Jewish festival held 50 days after the 2nd day of Passover. It was originally a harvest festival, but now also commemorates the giving of the Law (the Torah).