



# DID YOU KNOW AUGUST IS...



## National Immunization Awareness Month

The World Health Organization notes, the international medical community has endorsed the use of vaccines and immunization to prevent and control a number of infectious diseases.



## Black Business Month

Black Business Month is celebrated in August — it's a time to acknowledge and appreciate black-owned businesses across the nation and all that they represent in the country's continual striving for diversity and equality.



— August —  
**SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY**  
Awareness Month

Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) Awareness Month is held in August to raise awareness and support research into the rare genetic disorder. SMA affects the motor neurons in the spinal cord, and can cause muscle weakness, loss of movement, and severe disability.



## Transgender History Month

Transgender History Month is legally recognized by Mayoral Proclamation. It is a month in which Transgender San Franciscans honor the rich history and contributions of transgender history of transgender people in San Francisco and around the world.

August 1: Lammas, also known as Loaf Mass Day, is a Christian holiday celebrated in some English-speaking countries in the Northern Hemisphere. The name comes from the Old English words hlāfmaesse, which means "loaf-mass" and refers to bread and the Eucharist.

August 2–3: Tisha B'Av - Tisha B'Av is an annual fast day in Judaism, on which a number of disasters in Jewish history occurred, primarily the destruction of both Solomon's Temple by the Neo-Babylonian Empire and the Second Temple by the Roman Empire in Jerusalem.

August 6: Transfiguration of the Lord is a holiday celebrated by Eastern Orthodox and Catholic Christians.

August 9: International Day of the World's Indigenous People - The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is observed on 9 August each year to raise awareness and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population. This event also recognizes the achievements and contributions that indigenous people make to improve world issues such as environmental protection.

[August 15: The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#) is a Christian holiday that commemorates the belief that the Virgin Mary's body ascended into Heaven after her death, where she was reunited with Jesus Christ. Different cultures celebrate this holiday with various traditions, such as blessing the summer harvest, having parades or festivals, or fireworks.

[August 17: National Nonprofit Day](#) - National Nonprofit Day (NND) recognizes the goals and positive impacts nonprofits have on communities and the world.

[August 21: National Senior Citizens Day](#) - recognizes the achievements of the more mature representatives of our nation. The day provides an opportunity to show our appreciation for their dedication, accomplishments, and services they give throughout their lives.

[August 23: Slave Trade and its Abolition](#) - This annual observance offers the opportunity to honor and remember those who suffered and died at the hands of the brutal slavery system.

[August 26: Women's Equality Day](#) - a celebration of the nineteenth amendment to the constitution which gave women the right to vote. This amendment was passed in 1920 and it banned states and the federal government from withholding the right to vote based on sex.



Do you have traditions/celebrations we may have missed?  
Please share with us by emailing Heidi.