

United States Coast Guard Special Observances



Date	Observance	Authorization
16 January	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Public Law 98-144
February	Black History Month	Public Law 99-244
March	Women's History Month	Public Law 100-9
May	Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month	Title 36, U.S. Code, Section 102
June	LGBTQ+ Pride Month	Presidential Proclamation Issued Annually
19 June	Juneteenth	Public Law 117-17
26 August	Women's Equality Day	Public Law 93-105
15 September-15 October	National Hispanic Heritage Month	Title 36, U.S. Code, Section 126
October	National Disability Employment Awareness Month	Title 36, U.S. Code, Section 121
November	National Native American Heritage Month	Public Law 103-462

The Coast Guard recognizes ten special observances throughout the calendar year which are authorized by Public Law, Bill, Executive Order, or Presidential Proclamation. All Coast Guard commands and units are encouraged to conduct programs and promote participation in activities that recognize the observances reflected above. Annually, themes are articulated through proclamation from the President or widely known Affinity Organizations. For more information about each observance, visit the [Coast Guard's Special Observance Page](#). To learn more about conducting special observance activities, please visit: www.defenseculture.mil.