

A NOTE FROM TEAM GSM



We empower government professionals to achieve mastery in social media through conferences, online training, and professional association membership.

Welcome to 2024!

Whether you're a socialgov pro or new to this role, it's great to meet you! We're Government Social Media®, and we empower government professionals to achieve mastery in social media.

Through yearly conferences, our professional association, member network and Facebook group, we connect with govies who handle social media and get you resources, training and more to help you become the best government social media professional. We hope you become part of this growing community, too! Connect here:

- Social Media Tip of the Week Newsletter
- Community Facebook Group
- Free GSM network (available to full/part-time government and educational institution employees)
- · Professional association
- 2024 Government Social Media Conference (April 16-18 in Palm Springs, CA or virtual)

We'll see you throughout the year!

How to use this observance calendar

This resource is a roundup of some of the observed days happening in 2024 you might want to consider building content for — or be mindful of — when planning your content calendar for your government social media accounts. We encourage you to always research the meaning of observed days, double check dates and listen to not only what's happening on social media, but also in your greater community, before posting.

Please keep in mind that this is not meant to be a full list of observances and we encourage you to check with your state/county for any area-specific days or with your peers in our <u>GSM Facebook Community Group</u> or <u>free GSM network</u>. Other helpful resources for additional observances include <u>List of National Days</u>, <u>National Today</u>, <u>Ready.Gov's Preparedness Calendar</u>, <u>NWS Awareness and Preparedness Calendar</u>, or the <u>United Nations List of International Days and Weeks</u>.

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Throughout the month

- · Celebration of Life Month
- Cervical Health Awareness Month
- Family Fit Lifestyle Month
- Financial Wellness Month
- · Get Organized Month
- Human Trafficking Prevention Month
- · International Creativity Month
- Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month
- March of Dimes Birth Defects
 Prevention Month
- National Bath Safety Month
- National Blood Donor Month
- · National Book Blitz Month

- National Braille Literacy Month
- National Hobby Month
- National Mentoring Month
- National Poverty in America Awareness Month
- National Skating Month
- National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month
- National Train Your Dog Month
- National Volunteer Blood Donor Month
- Stalking Awareness Month
- Teen Driving Awareness Month
- Walk Your Dog Month

1-7	New Year's Resolutions Week	21-27	National Healthy Weight Week
14-20	Home Office Safety and Security Week	21-27	Kiss a Shark Week
20-27	International Snowmobile Safety Awareness Week	21-27	National School Choice Week
21-27	<u>Data Privacy Week</u>	Jan 29- Feb 2	Tax Identity Theft Week



- **1** Copyright Law Day
- 1 Ellis Island Day
- **1** Global Family Day
- **1** Haitian Independence Day
- 1 International Public Domain Day
- 1 Mummers Parade
- 1 National Ice Skating Day
- 1 New Year's Day
- **1** Polar Bear Plunge Day
- 1 Rose Bowl Game & Tournament of Roses Parade
- 2 55 MPH Speed Limit Day
- 2 National Pet Travel Safety Day
- 3 International Mind-Body Wellness Day
- 3 National Write to Congress Day
- 4 World Braille Day
- **6** Anniversary of Capitol Riot
- **6** Feast of the Epiphany
- 7 Orthodox Christmas Day
- 9 National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
- 10 National Cut Your Energy Costs Day
- 10 National Save the Eagles Day
- 11 Cigarettes are Hazardous to Your Health Day
- 11 <u>National Human Trafficking</u> <u>Awareness Day</u>
- 13 Korean American Day
- **14** National Dress Up Your Pet Day
- **14** Ratification Day
- **15** Elementary School Teacher Day

- **15** Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **16** National Religious Freedom Day
- **16** Prohibition Remembrance Day
- 17 Benjamin Franklin Day
- 17 Kid Inventors Day
- **17** Museum Selfie Day
- 18 Stalking Awareness Day of Action
- **20** Day of Acceptance
- 20 Take a Walk Outdoors Day
- 21 World Religion Day
- **21** World Snow Day
- 22 Better Business Communication Day
- **22** Celebration of Life Day
- 22 Roe vs. Wade Day
- 23 First Philippine Republic Day
- 24 Change a Pet's Life Day
- 24 International Day of Education
- **24** Library Shelfie Day
- 25 NASA's Day of Remembrance
- **26** Indian Republic Day
- 26 International Customs Day
- 26 International Environmental Education Day
- 27 International Holocaust Memorial Day
- **27** National Geographic Day
- **27** National Seed Swap Day
- 27 Vietnam Peace Day
- **28** Data Privacy Day
- **29** Seeing-Eye Guide Dog Anniversary



What are socialgov goals you have in mind for 2024? Write them down here! We also added a few checklist items to help get you started: Review/update our internal & external social media policies Go to **GSMCON2024** in April! Attend a live training webinar in the GSM professional association Practice my socialgov self-care Check out resources on the **GSM Blog!**



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Throughout the month

- · Adopt a Rescued Rabbit Month
- American Heart Month
- Black History Month
- Canned Food Month
- <u>Dog Training Education Month</u>
- Ethnic Equality Month
- Financial Aid Awareness Month
- National Bird Feeding Month

- National Cancer Prevention Month
- National Cat Health Month
- National Library Lovers Month
- Responsible Pet Owners Month
- Spay/Neuter Awareness Month
- Teen Dating Violence Month
- Youth Leadership Month

Weeks

1-7	World Interfaith Harmony Week	11-17	Random Acts of Kindness Week	
4-10	National Burn Awareness Week	Feb 14-	Lent	
5-9	National School Counseling Week	March 28		
7-13	African Heritage and Health Week	Feb 26- March 3	National Invasive Species Awareness Week	
7-15	International Black Women in the Arts	Feb 25- March 2	Peace Corps Week	

- 1 Change Your Password Day
- 1 <u>Conservatorship and Guardianship</u> Abuse Awareness Day
- 1 National Freedom Day
- 1 Day of Remembrance and Respect to Victims of the Communist Regime



- 1 National Texas Day
- 1 World Hijab Day
- **2** Groundhog Day
- 2 National River Day
- 2 World Wetlands Day
- 3 National Missing Persons Day
- 3 Take Your Child to the Library Day
- 4 Facebook's Birthday
- 4 International Day of Human Fraternity
- 4 National Thank a Mail Carrier Day
- 4 World Cancer Day
- 5 Disaster Day
- 6 <u>International Day of Zero Tolerance</u> to Female Genital Mutilation
- 6 Safer Internet Day
- 7 National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- 7 World Read Aloud Day
- 8 National Iowa Day
- 10 Chinese New Year
- 10 Korean New Year
- 10 Lunar New Year
- **10** Sonam Lhosar
- 10 Vietnamese New Year (Tet)
- 10 World Pulses Day
- 11 International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- 11 Super Bowl LVIII
- **12** NAACP Day

- **12** National Freedom to Marry Day
- **13** Black Love Day
- 13 Canada's Agriculture Day
- 13 Extraterrestrial Culture Day
- **13** Galentine's Day
- 13 Mardi Gras
- 13 World Radio Day
- 14 Ash Wednesday
- 14 Frederick Douglass Day
- 14 International Book Giving Day
- 14 Library Lovers' Day
- 14 National Black Literacy Day
- 14 National Donor Day
- 14 Pet Theft Awareness Day
- 14 Read to Your Child Day
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 Nirvana Day
- 15 <u>School Resource Officer Appreciation Day</u>
- 15 Susan B. Anthony Day
- 16 National Caregivers Day
- 17 Random Acts of Kindness Day
- **19** Presidents Day
- 19 <u>U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Birthday</u>
- 20 National Love Your Pet Day
- 20 World Day of Social Justice
- 21 <u>International Mother Language Day</u>
- 22 National Wildlife Day

23 International Stand Up to Bullying Day

26 Black Lives Matter Day

27 Special Operations Forces Day

27 World Spay Day

28 National Science Day

29 Leap Day

Write in any other dates specific to your agency or mission for February:



Get your ticket today! We'll see you at the premier social media conference for government agencies. **GSMCON.com**



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Throughout the month

- American Red Cross Month
- <u>Developmental Disabilities</u> Awareness Month
- Gender Equality Month
- Greek American Heritage Month
- Irish-American Heritage Month
- Music in Our Schools Month

- National Multiple Sclerosis
 Education and Awareness Month
- National Reading Month
- Social Work Month
- Women's History Month
- Youth Art Month

1-7	National Invest in Veterans Week	Mar 10- April 8	Ramadan	
2-5	International Women's Week	Mar 17-	March Madness	
3-9	National Consumer Protection Week	April 8		
3-9	National School Social Work Week	17-23	National Poison Prevention Week	
3-9	Women in Construction Week	17-23	National Agriculture Week	
4-8	National School Breakfast Week	17-23	Schools Library Media Center Week	
4-10	Women of Aviation Worldwide Week	Mar 20- April 14	Cherry Blossom Festival	
10-16	AmeriCorps Week	24-30	Holy Week	
10-16	National Groundwater Awareness Week	24-30	National Tsunami Awareness Week	
		24-30	National Protocol Officers Week	



- 1-2 Global Day of Unplugging
 - 1 National Day of Unplugging
 - 1 National Employee Appreciation Day
 - 1 Peace Corps Day
 - 1 World Compliment Day
 - 1 World Seagrass Day
 - 1 Zero Discrimination Day
 - 2 Iditarod Race
 - 2 National Read Across America Day
 - 2 World Teen Mental Wellness Day
 - 3 Navy Reserve Birthday
 - 3 World Hearing Day
 - 3 World Wildlife Day
 - 7 World Book Day
 - 8 International Women's Day
 - **10** Daylight Savings
 - 10 International Day of Women Judges
 - 10 Ramadan Begins
- 11 Commonwealth Day Canada
- 11 National COVID-19 Day
- 11 World Day of Muslim Culture,
 Peace, Dialogue and Film
- **13** National Good Samaritan Day
- 13 National K9 Veterans Day
- 14 International Day of Action for Rivers
- **14** Pi Dav
- **14** Science Education Day
- **15** International Day Against Police Brutality
- 15 International Day to Combat Islamophobia
- **16** Black Press Day
- **16** Freedom of Information Day
- **17** Evacuation Day

- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 18 Global Recycling Day
- **18** Transit Driver Appreciation Day
- 19 National Agriculture Day
- **19** Spring Equinox
- **20** Bibliomania Day
- 20 International Day of Happiness
- 20 National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- 20 Won't You Be My Neighbor Day
- 21 <u>American Immigration Lawyers</u> <u>Association Day of Action</u>
- 21 <u>International Day for the Elimination</u> of Racial Discrimination
- 21 International Day of Forests
- 21 International Nowruz Day
- 21 National Renewable Energy Day
- 22 World Water Day
- 23-24 Purim
 - **23** World Meteorological Day
 - **24** National Women of Color in Tech Day
 - 24 Palm Sunday
 - **25** Holi
 - 25 International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
 - **27** Manatee Appreciation Day
 - 29 Good Friday
 - 29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day
 - **30** National Take a Walk in the Park Day
 - 31 Transgender Day of Visibility



Let's take a break three months in and take a moment to talk **socialgov wellness**! Your self-care in a difficult field like government social media is crucial — how can you make sure you're practicing it? Take a moment to write down a few ways you can prioritize YOU!

Here are some helpful websites on self-care:

- <u>American Psychological Association:</u> <u>Building your resilience</u>
- National Alliance on Mental Illness
- World Mental Health Day Campaign Materials





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Throughout the month

- Animal Cruelty Prevention Month
- Arab-American Heritage Month
- Autism Awareness Month
- · Black Women's History Month
- Canine Fitness Month
- · Car Care Month
- Celebrate Diversity Month
- Child Abuse Preventon Month
- Distracted Driving Awareness Month
- Earth Month
- Fair Housing Month
- · Genocide Awareness Month
- Keep America Beautiful Month
- Multicultural Communications Month
- National Alcohol Awareness Month

- **1-7** National Public Health Week
- **2-8** International Dark Sky Week
- **4-9** National Wildlife Week
- 6-14 National Robotics Week

- National Deaf History Month
- National Donate Life Month
- National Garden Month
- National Minority Health Month
- National Pet First Aid Awareness Month
- National Safe Digging Month
- National Social Security Month
- National Volunteer Month
- Physical Wellness Month
- Records and Information Management Month
- Sikh Heritage Month (Canada)
- School Library Month
- Scottish-American Heritage Month
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- Stress Awareness Month
- 7-13 National Library Week
- 14-20 <u>National Animal Control</u> <u>Officer Appreciation Week</u>
- **14-20** National Dog Bite Prevention Week

Weeks continued

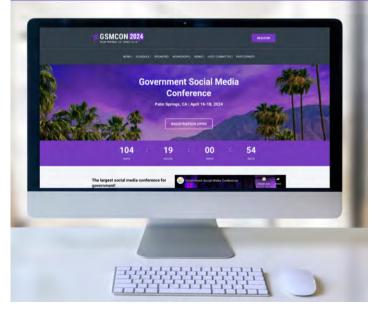
14-20	National Public Safety	21-27	National Volunteer Week
	<u>Telecommunicators Week</u>	22-26	Every Kid Healthy Week
15-21	World Creativity & Innovation Week	22-29	National Infant Immunization Week
17-21	National Work Zone Awareness Week	22-26	National Playground Safety Week
19-23	National Environmental	22-26	National Youth Violence Prevention Week
	Education Week	22-30	Passover
20-28	National Park Week	24-30	World Immunization Week
Apr 20 May 2	Ridvan Festival	Apr 28- May 4	Canadian Children's Book Week
21-27	Administrative Professionals Week	Apr 28-	National Small Business Week
21-27	National Crime Victim's Rights Week	May 4	Hallonal Cilian Datineto Freek
		Apr 28-	<u>Preservation Week</u>

May 4

Days

- **1** April Fool's Day
- 1 Assyrian New Year
- 1 Easter Monday
- 1 U.S. Air Force Academy Day
- 1 White House Easter Egg Roll
- 2 International Children's Book Day
- 2 SAAM Day of Action
- 2 World Autism Awareness Day
- 3 #SafePlaceSelfie Day
- 3 World Aquatic Animal Day
- 4 International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
- 4 National School Librarian Day
- 5 National Self-Care Day
- 6 Army Day
- **6** Drowsy Driver Awareness Day
- 6 National Student-Athlete Day

Deadline! Get your virtual ticket before April 11 to attend GSMCON2024 online.



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- 7 International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda
- 7 World Health Day
- 8 National Dog Fighting Awareness Day
- **9** Eid al-Fitr
- 9 National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day
- 9 National Library Workers Day
- 10 National Library Outreach Day
- 10 National Youth HIV and AIDS Awareness Day
- 11 National Pet Day
- 11 World Parkinson's Day
- 12 Day of Silence
- 12 International Day for Human Space Flight
- 13 International Plant Appreciation Day
- 13 National Catch and Release Day
- 14 Air Force Reserve Birthday
- **14** National Donate a Book Day
- 14 National Gardening Day
- 14 National Look Up at the Sky Day
- **15** Tax Day
- **15** Titanic Remembrance Day
- 15 World Art Day
- 16-18 GSMCON2024 in Palm Springs, CA or virtually from wherever you are!
 - 16 National Librarian Day
 - 16 Save the Elephant Day
 - 17 International Bat Appreciation Day
 - 17 Youth Homelessness Matters Day

- **18** Support Teen Literature Day
- 20 Healthy Kids Day
- 20 Volunteer Recognition Day
- 21 Thank You for Libraries Day
- 21 World Creativity and Innovation Day
- 22 Earth Day
- 23 Army Reserve Birthday
- 23 Canada Book Day
- 23 National Picnic Day
- 23 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- **24** Administrative Professionals Day
- 24 Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day
- 24 Secretary Day
- 25 Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day
- 25 World Penguin Day
- **26** Audubon Day
- **26** Arbor Day
- 26 <u>International Chernobyl Disaster</u> <u>Remembrance Day</u>
- **26** World Intellectual Property Day
- **27** Marine Mammal Rescue Day
- **27** National Go Birding Day
- **27** National Pool Opening Day
- 28 National Pet Parents Day
- 28 National Superhero Day
- 28 Occupational Safety & Health Day
- 28 World Day for Safety and Health at Work
- **30** National Adopt A Shelter Pet Day



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Throughout the month

- ALS Awareness Month
- American Wetlands Month
- Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- · Be Kind to Animals Month
- Better Hearing and Speech Month
- Building Safety Month
- Chip Your Pet Month
- Clean Air Month
- · Family Wellness Month
- Garden for Wildlife Month
- Global Youth Traffic Safety Month
- Haitian Heritage Month
- Jewish American Heritage Month
- Labor History Month
- · Latino Books Month

- 1-7 Deaf Awareness Week
- 1-7 Hurricane Preparedness Week
- 1-7 National Physical Education and Sport Week

- Lupus Awareness Month
- Mental Health Awareness Month
- Military Appreciation Month
- Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month
- National Bicycle Safety Month
- National Foster Care Month
- National Get Caught Reading Month
- National Inventors Month
- National Pet Month
- National Preservation Month
- National Water Safety Month
- National Wildfire Awareness Month
- Older Americans Month
- Small Business Month
- Stroke Awareness Month
- Women's Health Month
- **4-5** National Fallen Firefighters

 Memorial Weekend
- 5-11 Amphibian Week
- 5-11 <u>International Composting</u> <u>Awareness Week</u>



Weeks continued

5-11 National Correctional Officers Week **6-10** Teacher Appreciation Week **12-18** National Hospital Week **5-11** National Pet Week 12-18 National Police Week **5-11** North American Occupational Safety & Health Week **12-18** National Prevention Week **5-11** Public Service Recognition Week 12-18 National Women's Health Week **6-12** Canada Emergency Preparedness Week **13-19** Mental Health Awareness Week 6-10 Construction Safety Week **18-24** National Safe Boating Week **6-12** National Nurses Week 19-25 National Emergency Medical Services Week 6-12 Children's Book Week

Days

- School Principals' Day
 Silver Star Service Banner Day
 National Day of Prayer
- 3 National Space Day3 National Specially-Abled Pets Day
- 3 School Lunch Hero Day
- 3 World Press Freedom Day
- 4 Kent State Shootings Remembrance
- 4 Kentucky Derby
- 4 National Fitness Day
- 4 Star Wars Day
- 4 <u>Wildfire Community Preparedness Day</u>
- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 5 International Firefighters' Day
- **5** Museum Lover's Day
- 5 World Hand Hygiene Day
- **6** Great Lakes Awareness Day
- 6 Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 6 May Day
- 6 National Nurses Day

- 7 <u>National Children's Mental Health</u> <u>Awareness Day</u>
- 7 National Fentanyl Awareness Day
- 7 National Foster Care Day

19-25 Public Works Week

- 7 National Teacher Appreciation Day
- 8 National Receptionists Day
- 10 <u>National Military Spouse</u> <u>Appreciation Day</u>
- **10** National Public Gardens Day
- **10** National Small Business Day
- 11 World Migratory Bird Day
- **12** Mother's Day
- 13 Children of Fallen Patriots Day
- 15 Buddha's Birthday
- **15** National Senior Fraud Awareness Day
- 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day
- 16 Global Accessibility Awareness Day
- 16 National Do Something Good for Your Neighbor Day



- 17 Endangered Species Day
- 17 <u>International Day Against Homophobia,</u> <u>Transphobia and Biphobia</u>
- 17 Virtual Assistants Day
- 17 Walk Safely to School Day
- 18 International Museum Day
- **18** National Armed Forces Day
- 18 National Learn to Swim Day
- 18 National River Cleanup Day
- 19 Celebrate Your Elected Officials Day
- 19 National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- 19 National Rescue Dog Day
- 20 National Women in Aerospace Day
- **20** World Bee Day
- 21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
 - **Check out this helpful resource!**

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- **22** Emergency Medical Services for Children Day
- 22 International Day for Biological Diversity
- 23 World Turtle Day
- 24 National Scavenger Hunt Day
- 25 National Missing Children's Day
- 27-28 Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh
 - 27 Memorial Day
 - 28 World Hunger Day
 - 29 <u>International Day of United Nations</u>
 <u>Peacekeepers</u>
 - 29 Mount Everest Day
 - 29 World Otter Day
 - 30 National E-Bike Day
 - 31 National Heat Awareness Day
 - 31 World Foster Day
 - 31 World No Tobacco Day

Write in any other dates specific to your agency or mission for May:



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Throughout the month

- African-American Music <u>Appreciation Month</u>
- Audiobook Month
- Black Lives Matter Month
- Black Music Month
- Caribbean-American Heritage Month
- Children's Awareness Month
- Effective Communications Month
- Fireworks Safety Month
- Great Outdoors Month
- Gun Violence Awareness Month
- National Adopt a Cat Month
- National Camping Month
- National Foster a Pet Month
- National Homeownership Month
- National Immigrant Heritage Month

- <u>National Indigenous History</u> <u>Month (Canada)</u>
- National Men's Health Month
- National Microchipping Month
- National Oceans Month
- National Pet Preparedness Month
- National Pollinators Month
- National Rivers Month
- National Safety Month
- National Zoo and Aquarium Month
- Pride Month
- Professional Wellness Month
- PTSD Awareness Month
- June is also the start of Hurricane season.

- 1-7 National CPR and AED
 Awareness Week
- 1-9 <u>National Fishing and Boating Week</u>
- **2-8** National Garden Week

- 3-7 <u>Canadian Environment Week</u>
- **10-16** International Men's Health Week
- **14-19** Hajj

Weeks continued

- **16-22** <u>Lightning Safety Awareness Week</u>
- 16-22 National Grasslands Week
- 16-22 National Public Service Week (Canada)
- 17-23 Animal Rights Awareness Week
- 17-23 Pollinator Week

Days

- 1 National Black Bear Day
- 1 Go Barefoot Day
- 1 National Heimlich Maneuver Day
- 1 National Say Something Nice Day
- 1 National Trails Day
- 1 World Reef Day
- 2 Native American Citizenship Day
- 3 World Bicycle Day
- 4 <u>International Day of Innocent</u> <u>Children Victims of Aggression</u>
- 5 <u>International Day for the Fight</u>
 <u>Against Illegal, Unreported and</u>
 <u>Unregulated Fishing</u>
- 5 World Environment Day
- 6 D-Day
- 6 National Gardening Exercise Day
- 6 National Higher Education Day
- 6 World Pest Day
- 7 National Doughnut Day
- 7 National Gun Violence Awareness Day
- **7** World Food Safety Day
- 8 <u>Caribbean-American HIV/AIDS</u> <u>Awareness Day</u>
- 8 Family Health & Fitness Day
- 8 National Best Friends Day

- 17-22 Waste and Recycling Workers Week
- **20-26** National Mosquito Control Awareness Week
- 24-30 Rail Safety Week
- **30-** Wildland Firefighter Week of
- July 6 Remembrance
- 8 World Ocean Day
- **9** Race Unity Day
- **10** National Bed Bug Prevention Day
- **11** Yarn Bombing Day
- 12 Loving Day
- **12** National Women Veterans Day
- 12 World Day Against Child Labor
- 13 National Weed Your Garden Day
- **14** Army Birthday
- 14 Flag Day
- 14 World Blood Donor Day
- 15 Nature Photography Day
- 15 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
- **16-19** Eid al-Adha



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- 16 Father's Day
- 16 World Sea Turtle Day
- 17 Global Garbage Man Day
- 18 International Picnic Day
- 18 National Fishing Day
- 19 Juneteenth
- 20 American Eagle Day
- 20 Summer Solstice
- **20** World Refugee Day
- 21 <u>National Indigenous Peoples Day</u> (Canada)
- 21 National Take Your Dog to Work Day
- 21 Selfie Day
- 21 World Giraffe Day
- 21 World Motorcycle Day
- 21 World Music Day

- 21 <u>National Pet Choking Prevention Day</u>
- **22** World Rainforest Day
- 23 International Women in Engineering Day
- 23 National Family Owned & Operated Business Day
- 23 United Nations Public Service Day
- 26 <u>International Day Against Drug Abuse</u> <u>and Illicit Trafficking</u>
- 26 <u>International Day in Support of</u> Victims of Torture
- 27 National PTSD Awareness Day
- 27 National Women's Fly Fishing Day
- 28 National Insurance Awareness Day
- 30 International Asteroid Day
- 30 National Meteor Watch Day
- **30** World Social Media Day

Write in any other dates specific to your agency or mission for June:

HALFWAY THROUGH THE YEAR!



We're halfway through the year! How are your 2024 goals progressing? Use this space to help plan, write your next steps and stay motivated with your goals:		



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Throughout the month

- Bioterrorism/Disaster Education and Awareness Month
- French-American Heritage Month
- Independent Retailer Month
- National Bison Month
- National Fishing Month (July 24-August 30)
- National Grilling Month
- National Ice Cream Month
- National Lost Pet Prevention Month
- <u>National Minority Mental Health</u> Awareness Month

- National Park and Recreation Month
- National Pet Hydration Awareness Month
- National Picnic Month
- National Roadside Traffic Safety Awareness Month
- Social Wellness Month
- South Asian Heritage Month (July 18-Aug. 17)
- UV Safety Month
- Wild About Wildlife Month
- Vehicle Theft Prevention Month

Weeks

1-7 Clean Beaches Week

Days

- 1 Canada Day
- 1 National Postal Worker Day
- 1 National U.S. Postage Stamp Day
- 1 Second Half of the Year Day
- 2 National Wildland Firefighter Day
- 2 World UFO Day

7-13 Operation Safe Driver Week

- 2 World UFO Day
- **3** National Stay Out of the Sun Day
- 4 Independence Day
- **6** Dalai Lama's Birthday
- 6 National Air Traffic Control Day
- 6 Take Your Webmaster to Lunch Day



- 7-8 Islamic New Year
- 10 Don't Step On A Bee Day
- **10** Global Energy Independence Day
- **11** 7-11 Day
- 11 All American Pet Photo Day
- 11 National Swimming Pool Day
- 11 World Population Day
- 11 National Motorcycle Day
- 14 Bastille Day
- 14 International Non-Binary People's Day
- 14 National Be Nice to Bugs Day
- 14 Shark Awareness Day
- 15 National Pet Fire Safety Day
- 16 World Snake Day
- **17** National Hot Dog Day
- 17 World Emoji Day
- 18 Nelson Mandela International Day
- 19 Flight Attendant Safety Professionals' Day
- 20 National Moon Day

Write in any other dates specific to your agency or mission for July:

- 20 Space Exploration Day
- 21 National Ice Cream Day
- 23 National Women Touched by Addiction Day
- **24** International Self-Care Day
- 25 National Hire a Veteran Day
- 25 World Drowning Prevention Day
- 26 Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day
- 27 Black Women's Equal Pay Day
- **27** National Intern Day
- 27 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
- 28 Buffalo Soldiers Day
- 28 World Hepatitis Day
- 28 World Nature Conservation Day
- 29 National Chicken Wing Day
- **30** National Support Public Education Day
- **30** World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
- **31** National Mutt Day
- 31 World Ranger Day

Join GSMChat in the <u>free GSM network!</u>
Discuss & share ideas on different topics in this text-only chat happening ever other week.





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Throughout the month

- · American Adventures Month
- American Artist Appreciation Month
- · Back to School Month
- · Black Business Month
- Family Fun Month
- MedicAlert Awareness Month
- Motorsports Awareness Month
- National Civility Month

- National Immunization Awareness Month
- National Minority Donor Awareness Month
- National Traffic Awareness Month
- National Water Quality Month
- National Wellness Month
- Summer Sun Safety Month

Weeks

- 1-7 National Minority Donor Awareness Week
- **4-10** International Assistance Dog Week
- **4-10** National Farmers Market Week
- **4-10** Stop on Red Week
- 25-29 World Water Week
- **25-31** Be Kind to Humankind Week

- 1 Universal Birthday for Shelter Dogs
- 1 National Minority Donor Awareness Day
- 1 Woman Astronomers Day
- 1 World Wide Web Day
- 3 National Watermelon Day
- 4 American Family Day

- 4 National Coast Guard Day
- 5 Work Like a Dog Day
- **6** Farmworker Appreciation Day
- **6** Hiroshima Day
- 6 National Night Out
- 7 National Lighthouse Day



- 7 Purple Heart Day
- **9** Book Lover's Day
- 9 <u>International Day of The World's</u> <u>Indigenous People</u>
- 10 National S'mores Day
- 10 World Lion Day
- **12-13** Tisha B'Av
 - 12 World Elephant Day
 - 13 International Left-Handers Day
 - 14 National Navajo Code Talkers Day
 - 14 World Lizard Day
 - 15 National Back to School Prep Day
 - 15 National Relaxation Day
 - 17 International Geocaching Day
 - 17 International Homeless Animals Day
 - **17** World Honey Bee Day
 - **19** National Aviation Day
 - 19 World Humanitarian Day

- 19 World Photography Day
- 20 National Radio Day
- **20** World Mosquito Day
- **20** International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism
- 21 Internet Self-Care Day
- 21 National Senior Citizens Day
- 22 <u>International Day Commemorating</u> the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief
- 23 <u>International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition</u>
- 24-25 International Bat Night
 - 25 National Park Service Birthday
 - 26 National Dog Day
 - 26 Women's Equality Day
 - 30 National Beach Day
 - **30** National Grief Awareness Day
 - 31 International Overdose Awareness Day

#CityHallSelfie Day is observed annually in August!

Write in any other dates specific to your agency or mission for August:



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Throughout the month

- Animal Pain Awareness Month
- Baby Safety Month
- Bear Necessities Month
- Hunger Action Month
- National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- National Deaf Awareness Month
- National Food Safety Education Month
- National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 16-October 15)
- National Infant Mortality Awareness Month
- National Library Card Sign-Up Month

- National Literacy Month
- National Preparedness Month
- National Recovery Month
- National Self-Care Awareness Month
- National Service Dog Month
- National Sickle Cell Awareness Month
- National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month
- National Wilderness Month
- Pet Sitter Education Month
- Responsible Dog Ownership Month
- World Alzheimer's Month

- 1-7 National Childhood Injury Prevention Week
- **1-7** National Crime Prevention Week
- **8-14** National Arts in Education Week
- **8-14** National Suicide Prevention Week
- 15-21 Child Passenger Safety Week
- 15-21 National Farm Safety and Health Week

- **15-21** National Security Officer Appreciation Week
- **15-21** National Truck Driver Appreciation Week
- **16-20** National Construction Appreciation Week
- 16-20 Pollution Prevention Week
- 22-28 Banned Books Week



Weeks continued

22-28 Deaf Dog Awareness Week

Days

- 1 National Child Identity Theft Awareness Day
- 2 Labor Day
- **2** V-J Day
- 4 National Wildlife Day
- 5 International Day of Charity
- 6 National Read a Book Day
- 7 International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies
- 7 National Hummingbird Day
- 8 National Dog Walker Appreciation Day
- 8 International Literacy Day
- 10 World Suicide Prevention Day
- 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance
- 11 Patriot Day
- 12 National Police Woman Day
- 15 <u>International Day of Democracy</u>
- 16 <u>International Day for the Preservation</u> of the Ozone Layer

22-28 International Week of the Deaf

- 16 Mexican Independence Day
- **16** National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of Hurricane Katrina
- 17 Constitution Day and Citizenship Day
- 17 National IT Professionals Day
- 17 National Voter Registration Day
- 18 Air Force Birthday
- 18 National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day
- 18 World School Backpack Awareness Day
- 18 World Water Monitoring Day
- **19** Talk Like a Pirate Day
- **20** National Crime and Intelligence Analyst Appreciation Day
- 20 National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 21 <u>International Day of Peace</u>
- 21 National Cleanup Day
- **21** Responsible Dog Ownership Day
- 21 World Alzheimer's Day
- 21 World Cleanup Day

Check out these helpful resources!



Blog: 10 crisis communications tips for government social media professionals



Blog: 5 social media strategies governments can use to embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion



Days continued

- 21 World Gratitude Day
- 22 American Business Women's Day
- 22 Autumn Equinox
- 22 World Rivers Day
- 23 Dogs in Politics Day
- 23 International Day of Sign Languages
- 25 National Women's Health and Fitness Day
- 26 European Languages Day
- 26 National Day of Praise and Worship
- 26 National Law Enforcement Suicide Awareness Day

- 27 World Tourism Day
- 28 National Good Neighbor Day
- 28 National Hunting and Fishing Day
- 28 National Public Lands Day
- 29 International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste
- 29 <u>Urban National Wildlife Refuge Day</u>
- **29** World Deaf Day
- 29 World Heart Day
- 30 International Podcast Day

Write in any other dates specific to your agency or mission for September:				

Goal check-in! How are your 2024 goals progressing? Take a look and note below what you can do to keep accomplishing your goals:



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Throughout the month

- Adopt-A-Dog Month
- Bat Appreciation Month
- · Blindness Awareness Month
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Car Care Month
- Crime Prevention Month
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Down Syndrome Awareness Month
- Emotional Wellness Month
- Family History Month
- Filipino American History Month
- German American Heritage Month
- Global Diversity Awareness Month
- Halloween Safety Month
- Health Literacy Month
- International School Library Month
- International Walk to School Month

- Italian-American Heritage Month
- LGBT History Month
- National Animal Safety and Protection Month
- National Book Month
- National Bullying Prevention Month
- National Cybersecurity Awareness Month
- National Depression Education & Awareness Month
- National Disability Employment Awareness Month
- National Learning & Development Month
- National Pedestrian Safety Month
- · National Pet Wellness Month
- National Work and Family Month
- Pitbull Awareness Month
- Polish-American Heritage Month

- **4-10** World Space Week
- **6-12** Fire Prevention Week

- **6-12** Mental Illness Awareness Week
- 13-19 Earth Science Week

Weeks continued

13-19 National Wildlife Refuge Week 21-25 National Health Education Week 20-26 International Infection 21-25 National School Bus Safety Week Prevention Week 23-31 Red Ribbon Week **20-26** National Friends of Libraries Week 24-31 Bat Week **20-26** National Teen Driver Safety Week Oct 27-Polar Bear Week 20-26 National Wolf Awareness Week Nov 2

- 1 <u>International Day of Older Persons</u>
- 1 National Fire Pup Day
- 2 Coffee with a Cop Day
- 2 International Day of Non-Violence
- 2 International Walk to School Day
- **2-4** Rosh Hashanah
 - 2 World Farm Animals Day
 - 3 Mean Girls Day
 - 4 National Truckers Appreciation Day
 - 4 World Animal Day
 - 4 World Smile Day
 - 5 National Do Something Nice Day
 - 5 World Teachers Day
 - 6 German-American Day
 - 6 National Coaches Day
 - 7 World Habitat Day
 - 9 National Stop Bullying Day
 - 9 Walk & Roll to School Day
 - **10** World Animal Road Accident Awareness Day
 - **10** World Day Against the Death Penalty
 - **10** World Homeless Day
 - 10 World Mental Health Day
 - 11 National Coming Out Day
- 11-12 Yom Kippur

- 12 <u>National Farmer's Day</u>
- 12 <u>Urban Wildlife Conservation Day</u>
- 13 International Day for Disaster
 Risk Reduction
- 13 International Plain Language Day
- 13 Navy Birthday
- 14 <u>Indigenous Peoples' Day</u>
- 15 Global Handwashing Day
- 15 National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day
- 16 National Boss's Day
- 16 National Fossil Day
- **16** World Food Day
- 17 Black Poetry Day
- 17 <u>International Day for the Eradication</u> of Poverty
- **17** Spirit Day
- 19 Imagine a Day Without Water
- 19 LGBTQ+ Center Awareness Day
- **21** Back to the Future Day
- 21 National Pets for Veterans Day
- 22 International Stuttering Awareness Day
- 24 United Nations Day
- **26** Make a Difference Day



26	National Day of the Deployed	28	<u>National First Responders Day</u>
26	National Financial Crime Fighter Day	30	National Speak Up For Service Day

26 National Transgender Children Day 31-Nov 2 Día de los Muertos

27 Navy Day 31 Halloween

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Start thinking about the end of the year! Are there any wrap-up projects for 2024 you can start now? Any end-of-year social media reports you can start? Write your plan below.



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Throughout the month

- Adopt A Senior Pet Month
- Aviation History Month
- · Child Safety and Protection Month
- Manatee Awareness Month
- Movember
- National Adoption Awareness Month
- National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

- National Family Caregivers Month
- National Family Literacy Month
- National Gratitude Month
- National Home Care & Hospice Month
- National Native American Heritage Month
- <u>National Veterans and Military</u>
 Families Month

Weeks

1-7	World Communication Week	17-23	Geography Awareness Week
3-9	<u>Drowsy Driving Prevention Week</u>	17-23	National Hunger & Homeless Awareness Week
3-9	National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week	18-22	American Education Week
10-16	<u>International Fraud</u> <u>Awareness Week</u>	18-24	World Antibiotic Awareness Week

- **1** Diwali
- 1 National Family Literacy Day
- 2 National Bison Day
- 3 Daylight Saving Time

- **5** Election Day
- 5 World Tsunami Awareness Day
- 6 International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict



- 6 National Stress Awareness Day
- 8 National STEM/STEAM Day
- **9** Go to an Art Museum Day
- 10 Marine Corps Birthday
- **10** World Immunization Day
- 10 World Science Day for Peace and Development
- **11** Veterans Day
- 13 World Kindness Day
- 14 National Seat Belt Day
- 14 World Diabetes Day
- 15 <u>America Recycles Day</u>
- 16 International Day for Tolerance
- 17 National Take a Hike Day
- 17 World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
- 19 Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address
- 19 International Men's Day
- 20 Transgender Day of Remembrance

- 20 World Children's Day
- 21 National Rural Health Day
- 21 World Fisheries Day
- 23 Family Volunteer Day
- 23 <u>International Survivors of Suicide</u> <u>Loss Day</u>
- 23 National Adoption Day
- 24 D.B. Cooper Day
- 25 <u>International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women</u>
- 28 Thanksgiving
- 29 Black Friday
- 29 <u>International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People</u>
- 29 Native American Heritage Day
- 30 Computer Security Day
- 30 <u>Day of Remembrance for all Victims</u> of Chemical Warfare
- **30** National Meth Awareness Day
- 30 Native Women's Equal Pay Day
- 30 Small Business Saturday

Write in any other dates specific to your agency or mission for November:



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Throughout the month

- National Cat Lovers' Month
- National Impaired Driving Prevention Month
- Operation Santa Paws
- Safe Toys and Gifts Month

- <u>Seasonal Affective Disorder</u> <u>Awareness Month</u>
- Universal Human Rights Month
- Worldwide Food Service Safety Month

Weeks

1-7	National Handwashing Awareness Week	Dec 25- Jan 2	Hanukkah
2-6	National Influenza Vaccination Week		
2-6	Older Driver Safety Awareness Week	Dec 26- Jan 1	Kwanzaa
16-24	Las Posadas		

- **1** Advent Begins
- 1 National Christmas Lights Day
- 1 Rosa Parks Day
- 1 World AIDS Day
- **2** Cyber Monday
- 2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
- 2 National Mutt Day

- 2 Special Education Day
- **2** World Pollution Prevention Day
- **3** Giving Tuesday
- 3 <u>International Day of Persons</u> <u>with Disabilities</u>
- 4 National Package Protection Day
- 4 World Wildlife Conservation Day



Days

- 5 International Volunteer Day
- 5 World Soil Day
- 6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (Canada)
- 6 National Miners Day
- 7 National Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance
- 10 Human Rights Day
- **10** International Animal Rights Day
- 11 International Mountain Day
- 12 <u>Universal Health Coverage Day</u>
- 13 U.S. National Guard Birthday
- 14 National Wreaths Across America Day

- 17 Wright Brothers Day
- 18 Answer the Telephone Like Buddy the Elf Day
- 18 International Migrants Day
- 20 National Ugly Sweater Day
- **21** National Homeless Persons' Remembrance Day
- 21 Winter Solstice
- 23 Festivus
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas
- **26** Boxing Day
- 27 <u>International Day of Epidemic Preparedness</u>
- 31 New Year's Eve

It's the end of the year! Set your 2025 year up for success by writing in some goals below:

Thanks for using our GSM calendar, and we look forward to connecting with you more in 2025!