

# Special Needs Calendar

a Year of Awareness

## Winter

### January

- JAN Birth Defects Awareness Month
- JAN Blood Donor Month
- JAN Thyroid Awareness Month
- 4 World Braille Day
- 24 Moebius Syndrome Awareness Day

### February

- FEB AMD/Low Vision Awareness Month
- FEB Jewish Disability Awareness Month
- FEB Kids ENT Month
- FEB Marfan Awareness Month
- FEB Wise Mental Health Consumer Month
- 6 Feeding Tube Awareness Week
- 7 Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week
- 13 Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Week
- 14 Donor Day
- 14 Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day
- 15 International Angelman Day
- 28 Rare Disease Awareness Day

### March

- MAR Brain Injury Awareness
- MAR Cerebral Palsy Awareness
- MAR Developmental Disabilities Awareness
- MAR Hemophilia Month
- MAR Kidney Month
- MAR Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month
- MAR Trisomy Awareness Month
- 13 Brain Awareness Week
- 1 Spread the Word to End the Word Day
- 9 World Kidney Day
- 21 World Down Syndrome Day
- 25 Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day
- 26 Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness



# Spring

### April

- APR Autism Awareness Month
- APR Counseling Awareness Month
- APR Donate Life Month
- APR IBS Awareness Month
- APR Limb Loss Awareness Month
- APR Occupational Therapy Month
- APR Paralyzed Veterans of America Awareness Month
- APR Primary Immunodeficiency Awareness Month
- APR Stress Awareness Month
- 3 Public Health Week
- 16 Healthcare Decisions Week
- 2 World Autism Awareness Day
- 7 World Health Day
- 10 Siblings Day
- 17 World Hemophilia Day

### May

- MAY Arthritis Awareness Month
- MAY Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month
- MAY Better Hearing and Speech Month
- MAY Cancer Research Month
- MAY Celiac Awareness Month
- MAY Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month
- MAY High Blood Pressure Awareness Month
- MAY Huntington's Disease Awareness Month
- MAY Lupus Awareness Month
- MAY Mental Health Month
- MAY Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month
- MAY Osteoporosis Month
- MAY Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month
- MAY Stroke Awareness Month
- MAY Trauma Awareness Month
- MAY Williams Syndrome Awareness Month
- 6 National Nurses Week
- 21 EMS Week
- 1 Melanoma Monday
- 4 Children's Mental Health Awareness Day
- 10 National School Nurse Day
- 12 Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome National Awareness Day
- 13 Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Awareness Day
- 15 Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Global Awareness Day



# Summer

## June

- JUN** Aphasia Awareness Month
- JUN** Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month
- JUN** Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month
- JUN** Scleroderma Awareness Month
- 24** Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week
- 4** Cancer Survivors Day
- 14** Blood Donor Day
- 19** World Sickle Cell Day
- 27** PTSD Awareness Day

## July

- JUL** Cord Blood Awareness Month
- JUL** Hemochromatosis Screening Awareness Month
- JUL** International Group B Strep Awareness Month
- JUL** Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month
- JUL** National Cleft and Craniofacial Awareness and Prevention Month
- JUL** National Fragile X Awareness Month
- 22** National Fragile X Awareness Day
- 28** World Hepatitis Day

## August

- AUG** Children's Eye Health and Safety Month
- AUG** Gastroparesis Awareness Month
- AUG** Immunization Awareness Month
- AUG** Psoriasis Awareness Month
- AUG** Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month
- 7** World PVNH Disorder Awareness Day

## September

- SEP** Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month
- SEP** Blood Cancer Awareness Month
- SEP** Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- SEP** Childhood Obesity Awareness Month
- SEP** Hydrocephalus Awareness Month
- SEP** ITP Awareness Month
- SEP** Newborn Screening Awareness Month
- SEP** Reye's Syndrome Awareness Month
- SEP** Sickle Cell Month
- SEP** Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month
- \*** National Rehabilitation Awareness Celebration (Third Week of September)
- 9** Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Day
- 13** Celiac Disease Awareness Day
- 25** International Ataxia Awareness Day
- 25** Sport Purple for Platelets Day
- 29** World Heart Day

# Fall

## October

- OCT** ADHD Awareness Month
- OCT** Blindness Awareness Month
- OCT** Disability Employment Awareness Month
- OCT** Down Syndrome Awareness Month
- OCT** Dwarfism Awareness Month
- OCT** Learning Disabilities Awareness Month
- OCT** Liver Awareness Month
- OCT** Physical Therapy Month
- OCT** Rett Syndrome Awareness Month
- OCT** Sensory Awareness Month
- OCT** Spina Bifida Awareness Month
- OCT** Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month
- 2** Mental Illness Awareness Week
- 12** Bone and Joint Health Action Week
- 15** International Infection Prevention Week
- 16** National Healthcare Quality Week
- 22** Respiratory Care Week
- 2** Child Health Day
- 5** World Cerebral Palsy Day
- 6** Depression Screening Day
- 10** World Mental Health Day
- 19** World Pediatric Bone and Joint Day
- 22** International Stuttering Awareness Day
- 29** World Psoriasis Day
- 30** World Bipolar Day

## November

- NOV** American Diabetes Month
- NOV** Bladder Health Month
- NOV** COPD Awareness Month
- NOV** Epilepsy Awareness Month
- NOV** Family Caregivers Month
- NOV** Hospice and Palliative Care Month
- NOV** National Marrow Awareness Month
- NOV** Prematurity Awareness Month
- NOV** Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month
- 20** Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease Awareness Week
- 7** World Prematurity Day
- 14** World Diabetes Day

## December

- DEC** Aplastic Anemia Awareness Month
- 1** World AIDS Day
- 2** Special Education Day
- 3** International Day of Persons with Disabilities

