

# AN **INCLUSIVE** APPROACH TO OBSERVATIONS, HOLIDAYS, AND CELEBRATIONS



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## BEING INCLUSIVE OF HOLIDAYS & CELEBRATIONS

#### WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?



#### **Amplifies our vision:**

• Lane County is the best county in which all can live, work, and play.



#### Fosters safety, well-being, and belonging:

• People feel connected through collective responsibility and growth.



#### Recognizes diverse beliefs:

 Honoring and valuing one another creates interconnected communities.

#### **CONSIDERATIONS**

AN INCLUSIVE CULTURE RECOGNIZES THAT HOLIDAYS & CELEBRATIONS ARE OBSERVED IN DIVERSE WAYS.

Holidays have diverse, and complex histories as well as significance. It's important to avoid assumptions and stay open to learning something new:

- Some holidays, like Independence Day, Thanksgiving, plus others, are not universally perceived as celebratory.
- Some holidays, like Dia De Los Muertos, Hanukkah, and Ramadan, hold religious and/or cultural significance.

#### **HOW TO USE THIS INFORMATION**

#### TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS:



#### **BE MINDFUL**

 Be aware of self-identified colleagues and community partners who observe faith and/or cultural-based holidays.



#### **PLAN AHEAD**

- Avoid scheduling meetings or events during the most sacred faith-based holidays.
- Consider meals and/or activities (especially when fasting is part of the observance).



#### **BE FLEXIBLE**

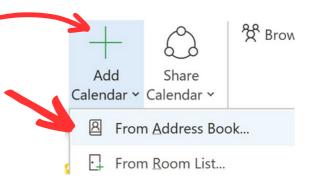
- Be accommodating of requested time off or temporary schedule changes.
- Do not assume, check with people if they need time off or a schedule change.

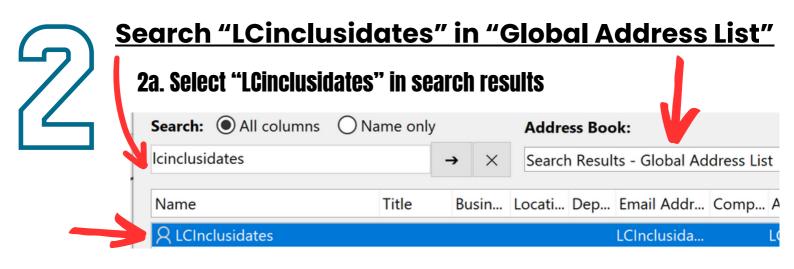
### ADDING OBSERVANCES ONTO YOUR OUTLOOK CALENDAR



#### Click "Add Calendar"

1a. Select "From Address Book"





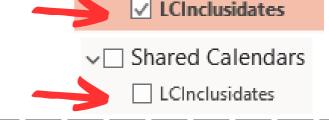


#### Calendar Appears Under "Shared Calendars"

3a. Select (check mark) to make visible 

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3b. De-select (no check) to hide

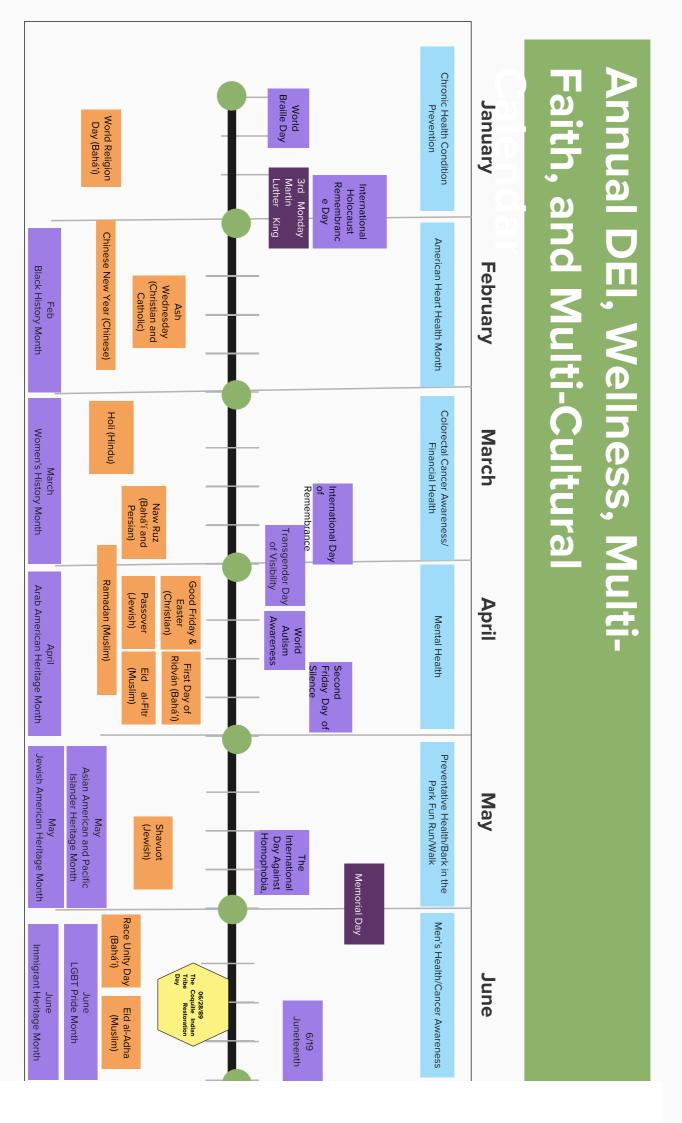


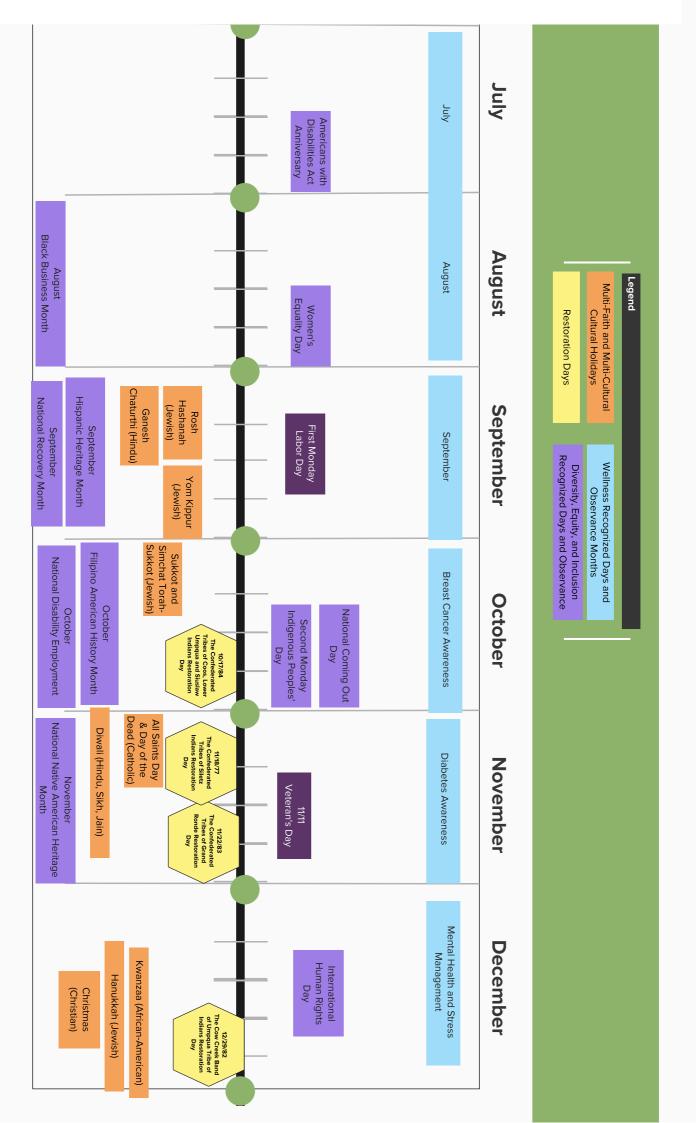


#### <u>Use "InclusiDates" to Encourage Inclusivity</u>

4a. Select "InclusiDates" (See Step 3) to make observations visible

4b. Observations will appear once selected





#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

#### Cooleaf 2024 DEI Calendar (PDF download)



#### TDM 2024 DEI Calendar (PDF download)

