



**Aging Services
of Minnesota**

LEADING CHANGE ■ CHANGING LIVES

2009 Health Observances & Recognition Days

Month-Long Observances

- January:** Glaucoma Awareness Month (National)
- February:** Age-Related Macular Degeneration/Low Vision Awareness Month
American Heart Month
- March:** Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month (National)
Eye Donor Month (National)
Kidney Month (National)
Nutrition Month (National)
Professional Social Work Month (National)
Save Your Vision Month
Workplace Eye Health and Safety Month
- April:** Alcohol Awareness Month
Foot Health Awareness Month (National)
Humor Month (National)
Minority Health Month (National)
Occupational Therapy Month (National)
- May:** American Stroke Month
Arthritis Awareness Month (National)
Arthritis Walk
Better Hearing and Speech Month
Better Sleep Month
Health Vision Month
Hepatitis Awareness Month
High Blood Pressure Education Month (National)
Mental Health Month
Older Americans Month
Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month
- August:** Cataract Awareness Month
Psoriasis Awareness Month
- September:** Cholesterol Education Month (National)
Health Aging Month
Pain Awareness Month
Prostate Health Month
Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month

October: Breast Cancer Awareness Month (National)
 Chiropractic Month (National)
 Dental Hygiene Month (National)
 Disability Employment Awareness Month (National)
 Domestic Violence Awareness Month
 Health Lung Month
 Liver Awareness Month
 Pharmacists Month (American)
 Physical Therapy Month (National)

November: Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month (National)
 Diabetes Month (National)
 Diabetic Eye Disease Month
 Epilepsy Awareness Month
 Family Caregivers Month (National)
 Home Care Month (National), Hospice Month (National)
 Hospice and Palliative Care Month (National)
 Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month (National)

Week-Long Observances

February: 1st – 7th Patient Recognition Week (National)
 8th – 14th Cardiovascular Professionals Week

March: 1st – 7th Dental Assistants Recognition Week
 8th – 14th Patient Safety Awareness Week
 15th – 21st Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week (National)

April: 12th – 18th Health Information Privacy and Security Week
 12th – 18th Patient Advocacy Week
 19th – 25th Healthcare Administrative Professional Week
 19th – 25th Healthcare Volunteer Week (National)
 19th – 25th Medical Laboratory Professionals Week (National)
 20th – 26th Medical Fitness Week

May: 6th – 12th Nurses Week (National)
 10th – 16th Hospital Week (National)
 10th – 16th Nursing Home Week (National)
 17th – 23rd Emergency Medical Services Week (National)
 17th -23rd Medical Transcriptionist Week (National)

June: 7th – 13th Vascular Nursing Week
 11th-18th Nursing Assistants Week (National)
 15th – 19th Healthcare Risk Management Week
 21st – 27th Deaf-Blindness Awareness Week

July: 12th – 18th Therapeutic Recreation Week (National)
 19th – 25th Hospitality Week (National)

August: 9th – 15th Health Center Week (National)

September: 7th – 13th Suicide Prevention Week (National)
 13th – 19th Assisted Living Week (National)
 13th – 19th Healthcare Environmental Services and Housekeeping Week (National)

	20 th – 26 th	Prostate Cancer Awareness Week
	20 th – 26 th	Rehabilitation Awareness Celebration (National)
October:	1 st – 8 th	Gerontological Nurses Week (National)
	4 th – 10 th	Healthcare Resource & Materials Management Week (National)
	4 th – 10 th	Mental Illness Week
	5 th – 11 th	Healthcare Food Service Workers Week
	6 th – 12 th	Physician Assistants Week (National)
	11 th – 17 th	Case Management Week (National)
	18 th – 24 th	Healthcare Quality Week (National)
	18 th – 24 th	Hearing Aid Awareness Week
	18 th – 24 th	Hospital & Health-System Pharmacy Week (National)
	19 th – 23 rd	Medical Assistants Week (National)
	25 th – 31 st	Healthcare Facilities and Engineering Week (National)
	25 th – 31 st	Pastoral Care Week
	25 th – 31 st	Respiratory Care Week (National)
November:	1 st – 7 th	Allied Health Professions Week (National)
	1 st – 7 th	Diabetes Education Week (National)
	1 st – 7 th	Health Information and Technology Week
	1 st – 7 th	Medical Staff Services Awareness Week (National)
	1 st – 7 th	Urology Nurses and Associates Week
	8 th – 14 th	Aspiring Nurse Leader Week
	8 th – 14 th	Bladder Health Week
	8 th – 14 th	Lung Cancer Awareness Week
	8 th – 14 th	Radiologic Technology Week (National)
December:	1 st – 7 th	Aplastic Anemia & MDS Awareness Week (National)

Recognition Days/Events

June	7 th	Cancer Survivors Day (National)
August	23 rd	Health Unit Coordinator Day
September	13 th	Grandparents Day (National)
	26 th	Family Health & Fitness Day
October	8 th	Depression Screening Day (National)
	16 th	Mammography Day (National)
November	21 st	Family Volunteer Day
December	1 st	AIDS Day (World)