

VNC OUTREACH COMMITTEE AGENDA: NOVEMBER 10, 2025

NEW BUSINESS Item 9

Attachment B:

Proposed Observance Options (2025–2026)

(Neutral list for evaluation and survey inclusion. Listed in date order.)

- **Late January to mid-February** – Lunar New Year
Celebrated in Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and other East Asian communities.
- **March 8** – International Women’s Day
Global observance honoring the achievements of women and promoting gender equality.
- **March (varies)** – Holi
Hindu Festival of Colors marking the arrival of spring and renewal.
- **March–April (varies)** – Ramadan and/or Eid al-Fitr
Islamic observance of fasting, ending with Eid celebrations.
- **May 5** – Cinco de Mayo
Mexican & Mexican-American celebration commemorating the Battle of Puebla and cultural pride.
- **May (varies)** – Vesak
Buddhist celebration of the Buddha’s birth, enlightenment, and passing.
- **June (month-long)** – Pride Month Recognition
Celebration of LGBTQ+ history and community.
- **June–July (varies)** – Eid al-Adha
Islamic Festival of Sacrifice.
- **September (varies)** – Mid-Autumn Festival / Moon Festival
East Asian harvest and moon celebration.
- **September–October (varies)** – Rosh Hashanah / Yom Kippur
Jewish High Holy Days of reflection and renewal.
- **October–November (varies)** – Diwali
Festival of Lights celebrated by Hindu, Sikh, and Jain communities.
- **November 1–2** – Día de los Muertos / Day of the Dead
Mexican and Latin American celebration honoring ancestors.
- **Late November (Friday after Thanksgiving)** – Native American Heritage Day
Recognizes the contributions and traditions of Native American communities.
- **Other (Write-in option)** – Stakeholders may propose additional observances for consideration.