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2017 Suggested Health and Wellness Observances

Adapted from the Rising Sun Usher Federation of Northwest Mississippi

JANUARY 2017

- † **National Volunteer Blood Donor Month**
- † *Glaucoma Awareness Month*

FEBRUARY 2017

- † **American Heart Association American Heart Month/Go Red Day (February 3)**
- † **GCMS National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Sunday (February 5)**
- † **GCMS Wear Red Sunday (February 12)**

MARCH 2017

- † **GCMS American Kidney Fund Kidney Sunday (March 5)/World Kidney Day (March 13)**
- † **National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (March 10)**
- † **Taste Test Sunday (March 19)/American Diabetes Association Diabetes Alert Day (March 28)**
- † *National Nutrition Month*

APRIL 2017

- † **Minority Health Month**
- † **World Health Day (April 7)**
- † *National Autism Awareness Month*

MAY 2017

- † **American Stroke Association American Stroke Month**
- † **GCMS Mother's Day Bells for Remembrance Breast Health Awareness (Sunday, May 14)**
- † *National Mental Health Month*

JUNE 2017

- † **National Cancer Survivor's Day® (June 4)**
- † **GCMS Summer of Health and Wellness Vacation Bible School/Summer Camp (June and July)**
- † **Fireworks Safety Month (through July 4)**
- † **Men's Health Month**
- † *National Scleroderma Awareness Month*

JULY 2017

- † **GCMS Summer of Health and Wellness Vacation Bible School/Summer Camp (June and July)**
- † **Fireworks Safety Month (through July 4).**
- † **Minority Mental Health Month**

AUGUST 2017

- † **National Minority Donor Awareness Day (August 1)**
- † **Easter Seals Make the First Five Count (August 6)**
- † *National Immunization Awareness Month*
- † *National Breastfeeding Month*

SEPTEMBER 2017

- † **National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month**
- † **Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month**
- † **GCMS Senior Recognition Sunday (September 10)**
- † **GCMS Let's Move Weekend (September 15-17)**

OCTOBER 2017

- † **National Church Safety and Security Month**
- † **National Breast Cancer Awareness Month**
- † *Liver Awareness Month*

NOVEMBER 2017

- † **Diabetes Awareness Month/Diabetes ID (I Decide) Day (November 11)**
- † **Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month**
- † **National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month and National Caregiver Month**
- † **American Cancer Society Great American Smoke Out (November 16)**

DECEMBER 2017

- † **World AIDS Day (December 1)**
- † **National Drunk & Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month**
- † **National Influenza Vaccination Week (December 4-10)**

Key:

Bold – Observed every year
Italicized – part of 5-year rotation

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