

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS & OBSERVANCES

An Official Calendar for Identity, Memory, and Covenant Practice

INTRODUCTION

The national holidays and observances of the United States of Black America are officially recognized practices rooted in our collective memory and covenant. Each date and observance marks a sacred milestone in the journey of Foundational Black Americans (FBAs), reflecting endurance, brilliance, and the ongoing commitment to self-determination.

These are not symbolic gestures or borrowed traditions. They are structurally embedded moments of reflection, renewal, and remembrance, designed to align our people across generations and geographies.

Each holiday and observance highlights a specific dimension of our legacy: the cost of survival, the discipline of building, the necessity of rest, the power of lineage, and the responsibility to govern what we inherit.

They are not just dates on a calendar. They are covenant markers that remind us of who we are, what we have endured, and what we are entrusted to protect.

OFFICIAL CALENDAR

- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** – *January 15 (Federally Observed Third Monday in January)*
A day of strategic reflection honoring the prophetic clarity of Dr. King. Within USBA, this observance centers economic justice, truth in leadership, and the covenant of liberation.
- **FBA History Month** – *Month of February*
A season of cultural memory, historical truth, and legacy. More than curriculum, this period affirms the sacred task of passing down Foundational Black American wisdom through education, media, and practice.
- **USBA Covenant Day** – *March 20*
A day of recommitment to USBA's founding covenant. FBAs should revisit their structural responsibilities, renew alignment, and deepen protection of the work through community.
- **FBA Joy Day** – *April 8*
A national celebration of Foundational Black American creativity, connection, and resilience. This day affirms that joy is not escape, it is sovereign power. Communities gather through music, movement, and expression.
- **Malcolm X Day** – *May 19*
Honors the revolutionary legacy of El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz. This observance affirms FBA sovereignty, intellectual liberation, and the defense of Black dignity.

- **Juneteenth National Independence Day – June 19**
Marks the formal end of U.S. chattel slavery and the continued affirmation of FBA freedom. USBA honors this day through civic action, educational truth-telling, and cultural celebration.
- **USBA Founder’s Day – July 5**
Marks the official founding of the United States of Black America on July 5, 2025. This holiday affirms sacred self-governance and honors the collective labor, vision, and endurance that made USBA possible.
- **FBA Liberation Day – August 28**
Commemorates the March on Washington and the broader tradition of FBA revolutionary organizing. This day reinforces the right to protest, mobilize, and build change through strategy.
- **FBA Heritage Day – September 18**
Honors the legacy of visionaries—Douglass, Truth, Washington, Du Bois, Woodson and others—whose faith, intellect, and strategy shaped the path to sovereignty. Their work is a charge to Foundational Black Americans.
- **FBA Unity Week – Third Week in October**
A seven-day celebration of covenantal community, intergenerational wisdom, and protection. FBA organizations should host community events, cultural gatherings, and youth-led dialogues.
- **Black Solidarity Day – First Monday in November**
A day of intentional withdraw from extractive systems and public recommitment to FBA self-determination and global Black solidarity. This day calls for spiritual clarity, economic withdrawal, and communal alignment.
- **Fred Hampton Day – December 4**
Honors the life and vision of Chairman Fred Hampton Sr., assassinated at age 21 on December 4, 1969, in Chicago, IL. This day uplifts FBA youth leadership, revolutionary clarity, and the mandate to build with integrity.
- **Rites of Reflection – December 26 to January 1**
A seven-day covenantal observance that reinforces USBA’s framework of legacy, restoration, and structural clarity. Each day activates a dimension of the founding ecosystem.

FOUNDER’S DAY OBSERVANCE GUIDE

USBA Founder’s Day is observed annually on July 5 as a national holiday of covenant and clarity. It marks the formal founding of the United States of Black America on July 5, 2025, in Chicago, Illinois, the capital of USBA and the city where our sovereign declaration was authored by and for Foundational Black Americans.

This day is not about separation. It is about sacred self-governance. Founder’s Day honors the covenant of the United States of Black America, built through the resilience, creativity, labor, and faith of FBAs. It is a time to choose unity over performance, clarity over comparison, and recommitment over spectacle.

Recommendations:

- Read the Declaration of Freedom aloud in communal or family settings.
- Reaffirm covenant commitments with fellow FBA community members.
- Invite youth to lead legacy storytelling and intergenerational reflection.
- Honor your local community's contribution to USBA sovereignty.
- Rest and reflect, setting clear intentions for the work ahead.

rites of reflection observance guide

The Rites of Reflection are a covenant practice of the United States of Black America. From December 26 through January 1, we pause to remember our ancestors, repair what was broken, resist oppression, rebuild our systems, reclaim our knowledge, rejoice in our strength, and renew our covenant. Each day ties personal reflection to collective responsibility, beginning the year in alignment with our legacy, clarity, and restoration.

Together, these seven rites form a daily rhythm of covenant practice. The table below outlines each day, its focus, and how FBAs may observe it in alignment with our shared charge.

Date	Theme	Focus	Accessible Action
December 26	Remember	Honoring our ancestors and cultural roots	Read the Declaration of Freedom together. Share family or local stories that carry legacy.
December 27	Repair	Healing, justice, and the 25 Rights	Choose one FBA Right to reflect on. Host a small circle to talk about what needs to be restored.
December 28	Resist	Civic power and self-governance	Read a USBA position paper out loud. Write or speak on a local issue you care about.
December 29	Rebuild	Economic systems and community pillars	Take one step toward economic action—buy FBA, trade skills, or plan a local investment.
December 30	Reclaim	Education and shared knowledge	Host or attend a training session. Talk with youth or elders about the FBA history we weren't taught in school.
December 31	Rejoice	Spiritual strength and global connection	Celebrate with music, prayer, or storytelling. Reflect on how far we've come as a people.
January 1	Renew	Covenant, clarity, and future-building	Set your intentions for the year. Affirm your purpose with others. Recommit to the work.

The Rites of Reflection are not symbolic; they are a living covenant that closes one year and opens the next. Practiced together across FBA communities and households, they affirm that our lineage is intact, our purpose is clear, and our covenant endures. Each rite is both reminder and charge: live On Code, protect what we inherit, and build a nation within a nation that cannot be erased.

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