



**“Language” HOLIDAYS to celebrate and use to  
SPEAK UP (!) for WORLD LANGUAGES**

<p><b><u>National Foreign Language Week</u></b></p> <p><b>March 1-7 2020</b></p>	<p>* inaugurated in the Spring of 1957 by Sister Eloise Therese, the National President of Alpha Mu Gamma from 1956 to 1960 / * endorsed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on December 12, 1956 / *It has become the practice to celebrate NFLW during <b>the first full week of March</b> (yearly).</p>
<p><b><u>International Mother Language Day</u></b></p> <p><b>February 21 every year</b></p>	<p>UNESCO has been observing International Mother Language Day since 2000 with the main objective of preserving linguistic diversity and promoting the dissemination of mother tongues and cultural traditions across the globe.</p>
<p><b><u>Hispanic Heritage Month</u></b></p> <p><b>September 15- October 15 every year</b></p>	<p>*began as a weeklong celebration in 1968 / *“pays tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society,” <a href="#">according to the official website</a>. (TIME)</p>
<p><b><u>Other Heritage Months</u></b></p>	<p>Russian–June in NYC / Italian–October / Japanese– May / Greek – March / Portuguese–June</p>

<p><b>Celebrating languages at the UN</b> (yearly)</p>	<p>20 March – French Language Day  20 April – Chinese Language day  23 April – English Language Day  23 April Spanish Language Day  6 June – Russian Language Day  30 September – International Translation Day  18 December – Arabic Language Day</p>
<p><b>National Language Week</b></p>	<p>French (AATF), German (AATG), etc.  Check with your national language organization for information and dates.</p>
<p><b>Cultural holidays</b>  Compare/Contrast</p>	<p>Independence Days – Mother’s Days – Seasonal events  New Years Celebrations – Days to Honor Workers, etc.</p>
<p><b>International Literacy Day (UNESCO)</b>  September 8</p>	<p>Since 1967, International Literacy Day (ILD) has been celebrated annually around the globe - "to remind the public of the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights, and to advance the literacy agenda towards a more literate and sustainable society." The theme for 2019 was "Literacy and Multilingualism."</p>

