LGBT Pride Month

June was selected as Gay and Lesbian Pride month due to the three-day protest in 1969 at the Stonewall Inn in New York City. This event marked the first time that the gay community joined together to fight for its rights, thereby gaining national attention. The anniversary of this event was one of the reasons June was chosen as the national proclaimed month to celebrate GLBT pride.

African-American Music Month

For generations, African-Americans have created music that communicates across racial boundaries, initially through spirituals while under the bondage of slavery and through modern genres of blues, jazz, ragtime, gospel, and hip hop. June honors the pioneers of African-American music and their legacy, and today’s music artists. The website http://blackmusicamerica.com/ is preserving and promoting the legacy and contributions of Black musicians. Originally started as Black Music Month by President Carter, President Obama has announced the observance under its new title.

National Aboriginal History Month (Canada)

Aboriginal History Month is an opportunity not only to recognize the historic contributions of Aboriginal peoples to the development of Canada, but also the strength of present-day Aboriginal communities and their promise for the future.

National Caribbean American Heritage Month

A celebration of the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the U.S. In June 2005, the House of Representatives unanimously adopted H. Con. Res. 71, sponsored by Congresswoman Barbara Lee, recognizing the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States. On February 14, 2006, the resolution similarly passed the Senate, since the declaration, the White House has issued an annual proclamation recognizing June as Caribbean-American Heritage Month. For more information, visit their website at http://www.caribbeanamericanmonth.org/.

4th Annual Community Pillar Awards Banquet for Juneteenth

Celebrating individuals, organizations and businesses in our community. On June 19, 1865, Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the slaves were free, two and a half years after President Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863.

Date: Friday, June 16, 2017
Time: 6:00 pm-8:30 pm
Location: WSU Spokane, CCRS, 412 E Spokane Falls Blvd.
Cost: $12.00 per person (pre sale), $15.00 at the door, $85.00 table
For more information, visit their website at http://www.inwjc.org/.