

December 17th, the Day of Inclusion, is a day set aside for all of us to remember and learn from the contributions and sacrifices of those in our immigrant heritage. We become a more perfect Union by embracing our shared differences and common goals in becoming American.

Day of Inclusion can be celebrated in many different ways:

As an Individual

As a Family

As a Community

More information and resources are online at [www.dec17.org](http://www.dec17.org)

Today's communities are filled with everyday people with extraordinary dreams and are even more diverse than ever before.

Get to know more about others and not let fear lead us away from the higher principles that forged our American society.



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Day of Inclusion  
in Your Community



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## As an Individual

**Raise Your Voice.** Meet with co-workers and friends to express support for social justice and your concern with the spread of intolerance. Resources are online at: [www.dec17.org/educational.html](http://www.dec17.org/educational.html)

**Pick Up the Phone.** Call President Obama and ask him to speak out against the hate that stems from federal immigration policies. Call the White House at (202) 456-1111.

**Celebrate.** Day of Inclusion is now a state law and has been celebrated in many places as a public event. Day of Inclusion celebrations can be as small as a family dinner or as large as a block party.

**Show Your Support.** Support groups that are organizing a Day of Inclusion.

**Explore Your Hidden Bias.** Your willingness to examine your own possible biases is an important step in understanding the roots of stereotypes and prejudice in our society.



# Celebrate!



## As a Family

**Share Your Immigrant Heritage.** Be it a recipe or a custom, every family has traditions that ties them to the story of immigration.

**Discuss Stereotypes.** Have family talks reminding one another that sometimes, what we perceive is not always true. Things are not always what they appear to be.

**Broaden Your Horizons.** Expose your family to diversity. Get to know people of all types, only form opinions about who they are, and not about some group they may be a part of.

**Express Yourself.** Send family letters to Congress, state, and local officials to express the need to prevent scapegoating of particular groups and to protect our civil liberties.



## As a Community

**Form Coalitions/Response Teams.** Form a coalition made up of diverse organizations and faith groups to help organize rallies and vigils to denounce hate crimes and promote social justice.

**Organize Multicultural Programs.** Invite school, community, and local theater groups to co-sponsor multicultural film festivals, speaker forums or prejudice-reduction programs.

**Make Public Statements.** Work with your schools and local elected official to create Hate-Free Zones. Distribute posters that declare areas hate free.

**Spread the Word.** Day of Inclusion has been acknowledged in many cities and towns across the state. If your town hasn't, ask for it. Most representatives are happy to find an occasion that brings goodwill.

