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2020

EMBRACE THE CRAZY

A 12-MONTH CALENDAR

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WHO ENDORSE THE LEGALIZATION
OF DOMESTIC FERRETS
IN CALIFORNIA



**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR EFFORTS
TO LEGALIZE FERRETS IN CALIFORNIA!**

Do it for the little guy!

FERRET LEGALIZATION: THE STRUGGLE INTENSIFIES

We had high hopes for 2019. We had some success getting local cities to issue proclamations in support of ferret legalization, but it came to a crashing halt when we dealt with Encinitas.

Things looked good. We made it to the agenda. The staff in charge recommended the city council approve a proclamation. The municipal code in Encinitas already cites domestic ferrets as companion animals. As I learned from Judge Judy, *when you're ahead, keep your mouth shut.*

Actually, more ferret supporters in the audience would have been helpful but we were faced with three Encinitas residents who didn't mention ferrets, talked about the threat of invasive species and said if the experts at the Fish and Game Commission was against ferret legalization that is all that needed to be said.

To add insult to injury the Mayor and Vice Mayor both mentioned "going with science" and opposing ferret legalization. **Ouch!**

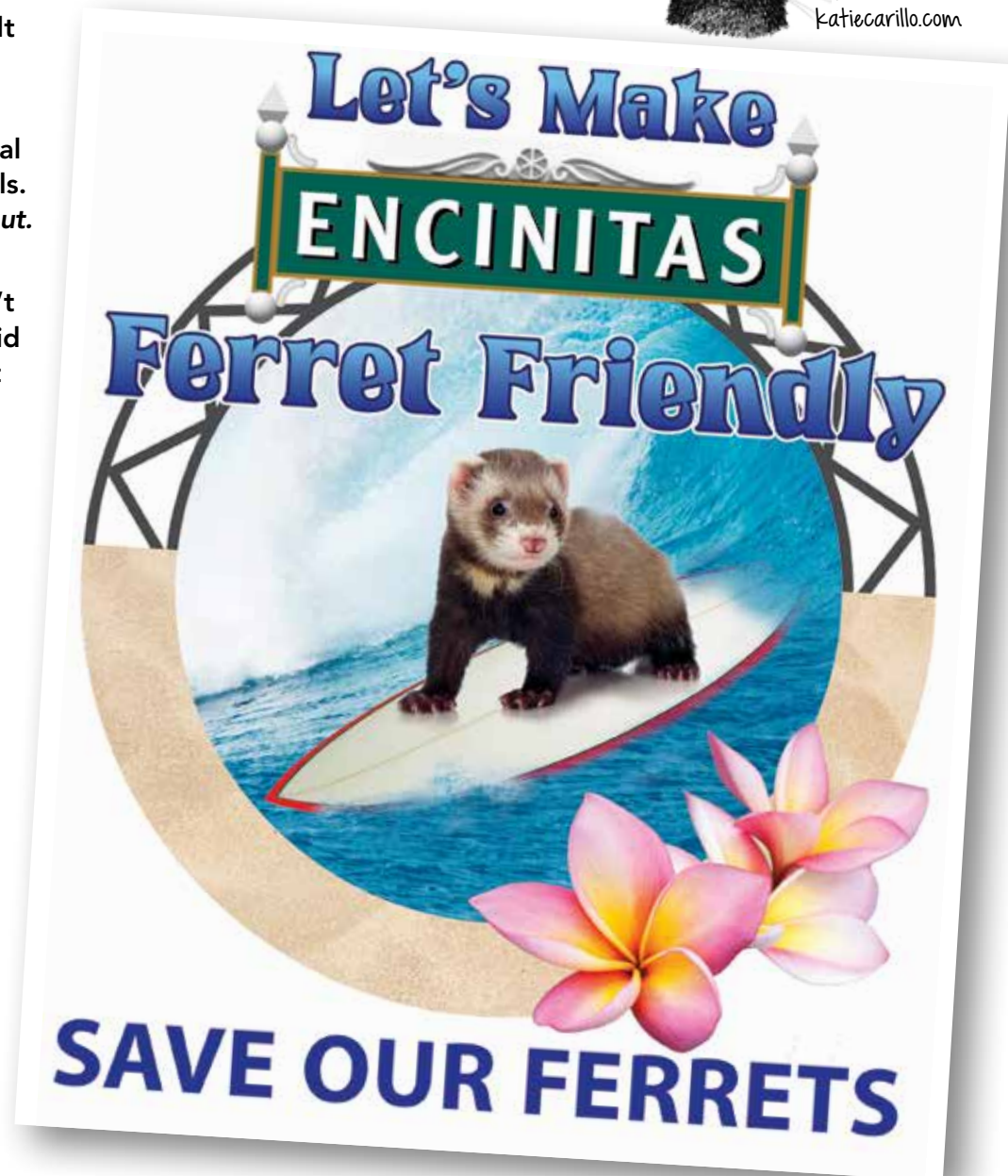
Ironically, no science was ever brought up. No studies, no documentation – just the fact that the experts at the Fish and Game Commission oppose ferret legalization.

And so, a hunt began. **What is the origin of all this misinformation?**

We know from our last appearance at the Fish and Game Commission, that they will not move on the ferret issue for fear of being sued "by" the "environmentalists." But who are these "environmentalists?"

We reached out to the Sierra Club of California. At first, they didn't know, but then said:

"Sierra Club has long opposed holding wild animals as pets, but particularly when those animals could present a problem if they accidentally or intentionally are introduced into the state's natural areas. There are many, many examples of exotic critters that have become problems in California after being introduced into the wild. One that I am very familiar with is the bull frog, which has helped push out other amphibian species in certain habitats since its introduction in the 19th century." — Kathryn Phillips





We asked for a meeting. Could we be on the agenda? We were told to talk to their Conservation Committee. Calls, emails and letters had so far not been returned. Then Dawn, a member from New York reached out to her Sierra Club and got a response:

"I have checked with the chairman of the Sierra Club California conservation committee and he reports that our position is to follow the lead of the California Fish and Wildlife Department, which is concerned that if pet ferrets were to escape, they would threaten native wildlife. The Sierra Club position is to support the state wildlife professionals. If the agency changes its position and finds that ferrets pose no threat, the Sierra Club will consider changing its position at that time. I'm very sorry that you feel you must resign your membership over this issue when there is so much else we agree upon." — Bruce Hamilton

So now we have a vicious circle. Fish and Game won't move for fear of the environmentalist, the Sierra Club won't move until Fish and Game does and, in the background is an anti-pet mentality:

"Every animal that's brought into the state puts additional pressure on our native wildlife. If we could outlaw dogs and cats we would." — Sierra Club member

And going back to 1990, as ferret legalization efforts in California were just beginning, Bill Philips of the California Domestic Ferret Association wrote this:

"Why Ferrets?"

"When asked to justify the HSUS's otherwise objectively indefensible position against companion ferrets, Paula Jewell of that organization replied, on January 9, 1990, simply that 'We don't need another pet.'"

The purpose of this calendar is to uplift you. **Enjoy your ferrets.** Think of the great joy and many messes these little clowns bring to our homes.

The struggle continues. We have better information at our fingertips and are better organized. 2020 will see the issue come up in all sorts of ways: Fish and Game Commission, State Legislature, Local Governments.

**“WITH ORDINARY TALENT AND
EXTRAORDINARY PERSEVERANCE,
ALL THINGS ARE ATTAINABLE”**

– THOMAS FOWELL BUXTON

– Pat Wright, LegalizeFerrets.org



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*Thank you, Dr. Gandolfi, for your decades
of service to the ferret community*

JANUARY 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>FULL MOON</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>LAST QUARTER</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>NEW MOON</p>	<p>25</p> <p>CHINESE NEW YEAR- YEAR OF THE RAT</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	 <p>Indie</p>



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FEBRUARY 2020

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<p>2</p> <p>GROUNDHOG DAY</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>FULL MOON</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>VALENTINE'S DAY</p>	<p>15</p> <p>LAST QUARTER</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>PRESIDENTS' DAY</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>MAHA SHIVARATRI</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>NEW MOON</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>ASH WEDNESDAY</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>





MARCH 2020

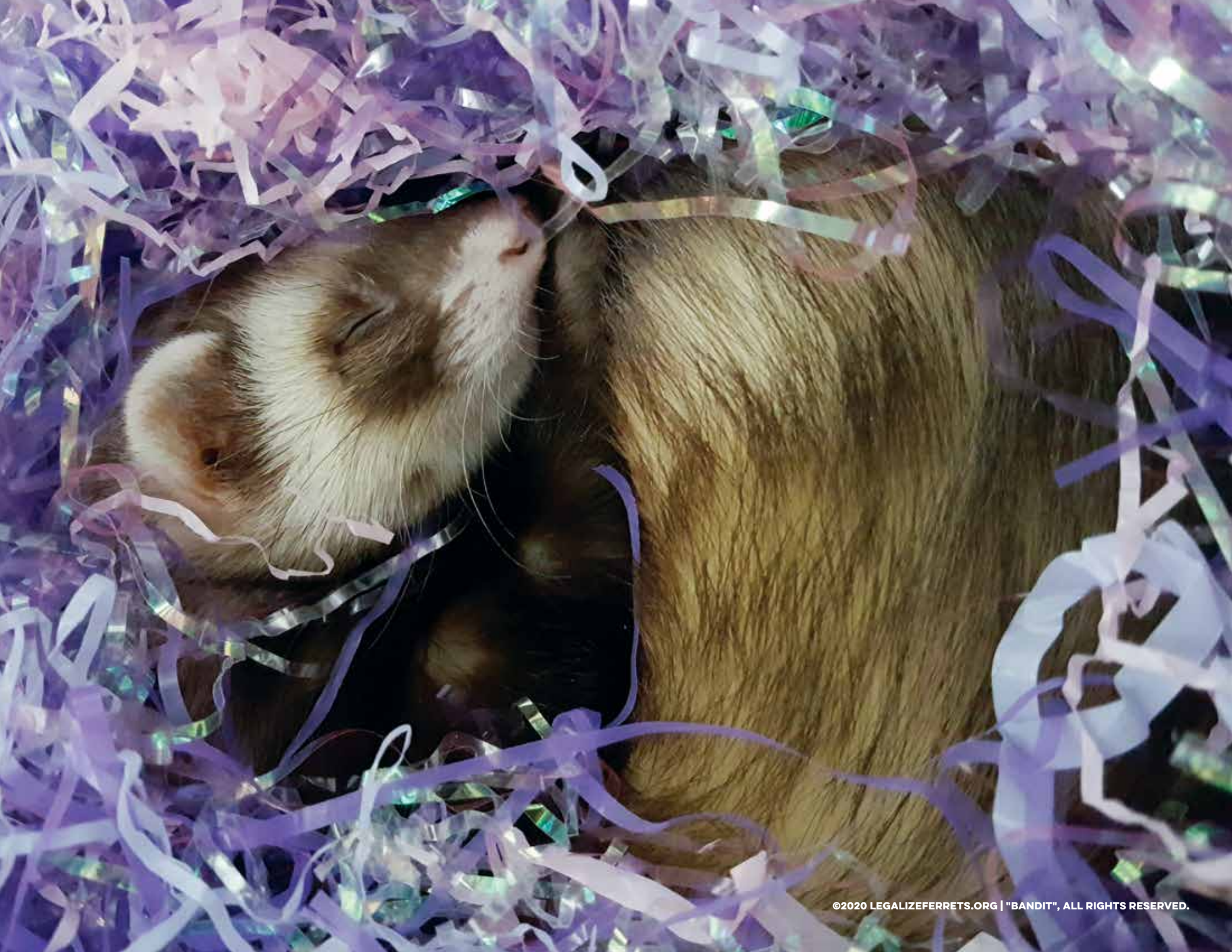
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 FIRST QUARTER	3	4	5	6	7
8 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS	9 FULL MOON HOLI PURIM BEGINS	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 LAST QUARTER	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19 FIRST DAY OF SPRING	20	21
22 ISRA AND MI'RAJ	23	24 NEW MOON	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	FEBRUARY 2020 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29		APRIL 2020 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	
						
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APRIL 2020



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<p>MARCH 2020</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>MAY 2020</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	 <p>Tommy Lee</p>	<p>1</p> <p>FIRST QUARTER</p> <p>APRIL FOOL'S DAY</p>	<p>2</p> <p>NATIONAL FERRET DAY</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>PALM SUNDAY</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>FULL MOON</p>	<p>8</p> <p>PASSOVER BEGINS</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p>	<p>11</p> <p>NATIONAL PET DAY</p>
<p>12</p> <p>EASTER SUNDAY</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>LAST QUARTER</p>	<p>15</p> <p>TAX DAY</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>NEW MOON</p> <p>EARTH DAY</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>RAMADAN BEGINS</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>FIRST QUARTER</p>	 <p>Izzy</p>	 <p>Yogi</p>





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>APRIL 2020</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p>JUNE 2020</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	 <p>Taylor</p>	 <p>Rumble</p>	 <p>Yuki</p>	1	2
3	4	5 CINCO DE MAYO	6	7 FULL MOON	8	9
10 MOTHER'S DAY	11	12	13	14 LAST QUARTER	15	16 ARMED FORCES DAY
17	18	19 LAILAT AL-QADR	20	21	22 NEW MOON	23
24 EID AL-FITR	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26	27	28 SHAVUOT BEGINS	29 FIRST QUARTER	30
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JUNE 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Rikki	1	2	3	4	5 FULL MOON	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 LAST QUARTER	13
14 FLAG DAY	15	16	17	18	19	20 NEW MOON FIRST DAY OF SUMMER
21 FATHER'S DAY	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 FIRST QUARTER	29	30	MAY 2020 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		JULY 2020 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	
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JULY 2020

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<p>JUNE 2020</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p>AUGUST 2020</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>		1	2	3	4  FULL MOON
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12  LAST QUARTER	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20  NEW MOON	21	22	23	24	25
26	27  FIRST QUARTER	28	29	30	31	 <p>Donner</p>
					INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED	INDEPENDENCE DAY

FERRET ROOM





AUGUST 2020

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>JULY 2020</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 2020</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	 <p>Jiji + Yuki</p>	 <p>KodyBear</p>	 <p>Penny</p>	 <p>Fred w/Lily, Mocha + Mudflap</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>FULL MOON</p> <p>RAKSHA BANDHAN</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>JANMASHTAMI</p>	<p>11</p> <p>LAST QUARTER</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>NEW MOON</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>MUHARRAM</p>	<p>21</p> <p>GANESH CHATURTHI</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>30</p>	<p>24</p> <p>31</p>	<p>25</p> <p>FIRST QUARTER</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>



SEPTEMBER 2020


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>AUGUST 2020</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p> <p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p> <p>23 24 25 26 27 28 29</p> <p>30 31</p>	<p>OCTOBER 2020</p> <p>1 2 3</p> <p>4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>11 12 13 14 15 16 17</p> <p>18 19 20 21 22 23 24</p> <p>25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>FULL MOON</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>LABOR DAY</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>LAST QUARTER</p>	<p>11</p> <p>PATRIOT DAY</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>GRANDPARENTS' DAY</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>NEW MOON</p>	<p>18</p> <p>ROSH HASHANAH BEGINS</p>	<p>19</p> <p>NATIONAL CLEANUP DAY</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN</p>	<p>23</p> <p>FIRST QUARTER</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>YOM KIPPUR BEGINS</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	 <p>Bandit</p>	 <p>Izzy + Abby</p>	 <p>Indie</p>



OCTOBER 2020

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>SEPTEMBER 2020</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 2020</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	 <p>Koby</p>	 <p>Rumble</p>	 <p>Penny</p>	<p>1</p> <p>FULL MOON</p>	<p>2</p> <p>SUKKOT BEGINS</p>
4	5	6	7	8	<p>9</p> <p>LAST QUARTER</p>	10
11	<p>12</p> <p>COLUMBUS DAY</p>	13	14	15	<p>16</p> <p>NEW MOON</p>	17
18	19	20	21	22	<p>23</p> <p>FIRST QUARTER</p>	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	<p>31</p> <p>FULL MOON</p>
DUSSEHRA				THE PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY		HALLOWEEN



NOVEMBER 2020

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
1 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS	2	3 ELECTION DAY	4	5	6	7		
8 LAST QUARTER	9	10	11 VETERANS' DAY	12	13	14 NEW MOON DIWALI		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 FIRST QUARTER		
22	23	24	25	26 THANKSGIVING DAY	27	28		
29	30 FULL MOON	OCTOBER 2020 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		DECEMBER 2020 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		 Kiki + Haku	 Moo	 Jiji



DECEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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6	7  LAST QUARTER PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY	8	9	10 HANUKKAH BEGINS	11	12	
13	14  NEW MOON	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21  FIRST QUARTER FIRST DAY OF WINTER	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 KWANZAA BEGINS	
27	28	29  FULL MOON	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	 Kobey	 Taylor	 Blitz

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EMBRACE THE CRAZY

Welcome to the 2020 LegalizeFerrets.org Calendar. It's our tenth year of producing these calendars, and this year we've matched it up with our National Ferret Day t-shirt and new artwork.

This year's theme, however well we achieved it, is "Embrace the crazy!" It's kind of inspired by defeat.

For our opponents, who seem to be inspired by the Sierra Club to say they support a continued ban on ferrets because of "science," well that is *their* crazy.

Our crazy is the joy of owning these little critters. They entertain us, empty our wallets and then break our hearts. That's the price we pay for being ferret lovers.

I'd rather be a ferret lover than a promoter of dubious or non-science.

We've survived another year of political assaults, if you call being ignored an assault.

In this great land of ours – where our rights are inalienable the right to own a domestic ferret must not go unchallenged. Sure, we're crazy, but we're joyful and only defeated when we give up.

Thank you for supporting us!

—Pat Wright, LegalizeFerrets.org

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