Bill of Rights for the Holidays

- You have the right to take care of yourself: to eat right, exercise regularly, and get enough rest.
- You have the right to have mixed emotions: happy, sad, frustrated, angry, guilty, afraid and thankful.
- ✤ You have the right to cry at any time during the holidays.
- ✤ You have the right to say no to any holiday activities.
- ✤ You have the right to skip the holidays altogether.
- You have the right to have solitude: for planning, thinking, reflection, introspection, prayer and relaxation.
- ✤ You have the right to accept some or all of your party/ activity invitations.
- ✤ You have the right to ask for help and support from friends, family, your church, synagogue, or mosque, and/ or community service agencies.
- ✤ You have the right to give gifts that are within your holiday budget.
- You have the right to follow old traditions or make up new ways of celebrating holidays.

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