



## Days of Significance

### ***Heritage and Awareness Months***

<b>JANUARY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tamil Heritage Month</li> </ul>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• African Heritage Month</li> <li>• Chinese Heritage Month (See also May, Asian Heritage Month)</li> </ul>
<b>MARCH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greek Heritage Month</li> <li>• Irish Heritage Month</li> </ul>
<b>APRIL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sikh Heritage Month</li> <li>• World Autism Month</li> </ul>
<b>MAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asian Heritage Month</li> <li>• Jewish Heritage Month</li> <li>• Dutch Heritage Month</li> <li>• National Speech and Hearing Month</li> </ul>
<b>JUNE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Filipino Heritage Month</li> <li>• Italian Heritage Month</li> <li>• National Indigenous People's History Month</li> <li>• Portuguese Heritage Month</li> </ul>
<b>JULY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2SLGBTQIA+1 – New Brunswick Pride Month</li> </ul>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Acadian Day</li> </ul>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Latin American History Month</li> <li>• Canadian Islamic History Month</li> <li>• German Heritage Month</li> <li>• Somalian Heritage Month</li> <li>• Women's History Month</li> </ul>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hindu Heritage Month</li> <li>• Indigenous Education Month</li> </ul>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human Rights Day</li> </ul>



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2023-2024

October 2023 – June 2024			
<b>Oct. 2023</b>	01	International Day for Older Persons	United Nations
	05	World Teachers' Day	United Nations
	09	Canadian Thanksgiving	Government of Canada
	10	World Mental Health Day	World Health Organization
	16	World Food Day	United Nations
	31	Halloween	
<b>Nov. 2023</b>	01	All Saints Day	
	08	Dia de los Muertos* Day of the Dead	Government of Mexico
	08	Inuit Day	Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada
	11	Remembrance Veterans' Day	Government of Canada
	12	Diwali	Hinduism/Jainism/ Sikhism
	20	World Children's Day	United Nations
<b>Dec. 2023</b>	03-24	Advent	Christianity
	08	Bodhi Day – Buddha's Enlightenment	Buddhism
	10	Human Rights Day	United Nations
	08 to 15	Chanukah (Hanukkah)	Judaism
	21 to 01 Jan.	Yule	Wicca/Pagan
	18	International Migrants Day	United Nations
	25	Christmas Day Gregorian Calendar	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)
	26	Boxing Day	Government of Canada
	26 to 01 Jan.	Kwanza	African Canadian/American Celebration

<b>Jan. 2024</b>	01	Gantan-sal	Government of Japan and Buddhism (Shintoism)
	01	New Year's Day Gregorian Calendar	Government of Canada

	05	Twelfth Night	Christianity (Western)
	06	Feast of the Epiphany	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)
	07	Orthodox Christmas	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)
	07	Mahayana New Year	Buddhism (Mahayana)
	14	Punjabi Lohri	Hinduism/Sikhism
	14	Orthodox New Year's Day	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)
	15-18	Thai Pongal	Hinduism (Tamil)
	15 -19	No Name Calling Week	
	15	Marin Luther King Jr. Day	Government of the United States
	21	World Religion Day	Bahá'í Faith
	24	International Day of Education	United Nations

<b>Feb. 2024</b>	03	Setsubun	Buddhism (Shintoism)
	05-11	Children's Mental Health Week	Canadian Mental Health Association
	10	Chinese and Lunar New Year's Day	Chinese National Holiday and Buddhism/Confucian/Daoism
	09-15	Chinese Spring Festival	Government of China
	10-12	Tibetan New Year	Buddhism (Tibetan, Nepal, Bhutan)
	14	Ash Wednesday	Christianity (Western)
	19	Family Day	Government of New Brunswick
	20	World Day of Social Justice	United Nations

<b>March 2024</b>	08	International Women's Day	United Nations
	11 to 08 April	Ramadan*	Islam
	18	Clean Monday - First Day of Lent	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox)
	19	Nawrúz - Bahá'í New Year	Bahá'í Faith
	19	Nowrúz – Persian New Year	Government of Iran Holiday and Zoroastrian
	20	Hindu New Year	Government of India and Hinduism
	21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	United Nations
	22	World Water Day	United Nations

	24	Purim*	Judaism
	25	Holi Festival*	Hinduism
	29	Good Friday (Gregorian Calendar)	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)
	31	Easter Sunday (Gregorian Calendar)	Government of Canada and Christianity (Western)

<b>April 2024</b>	01	Easter Monday (Gregorian Calendar)	Christianity (Western)
	07	World Health Day	World Health Organization
	08 or 09	Eid al-Fitr	Islam
	13	Sinhalese New Year	Sri Lankan Government and Buddhism (Theravada)
	13	Tamil New Year	Sri Lankan Government and Hinduism
	21	First Day of Ridván	Bahá'í Faith
	22	Earth Day – International Mother Earth Day	United Nations
	23-30	Pesach - Passover	Judaism
	25	Feast of St. Mark	Christianity (Eastern Orthodox and Western)

<b>May 2024</b>	03	Orthodox Holy Friday	Christianity
	05	International Family Equity Day	Family Equality Day
	05	Red Dress Day: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People	CBC – Assembly of First Nations
	06	Orthodox Easter Family Sunday - Pacha	Christianity
	12	Mother's Day	
	16	International Day of Families	United Nations
	17	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia	
	19	Malcolm X Day	Government of the United States
	20	Queen Victoria Day	Government of Canada
	22	Second Passover*	Judaism
	23	Declaration of the Bá'b	Bahá'í Faith

<b>June 2024</b>	01	Intergenerational Day	Canadian Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse
	05	World Environment Day	United Nations

	12	Filipino Independence Day	Government of Canada (Recognition)
	12-13	Shavu'ot	Judaism
	15 - 19	Hajj*	Islam
	16	Father's Day	
	17 - 20	Eid al Adha*	Islam
	18	International Day to Counter Hate Speech	United Nations
	19	Juneteenth	Government of the United States
	20	World Refugee Day	United Nations
	21	National Indigenous Peoples Day – Canada	First Nations, Métis, Inuit
	24	St. Jean Baptiste Day	Quebec and Francophone Culture

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