

Reflect and Celebrate

ALL YEAR ROUND

Mark your calendar with dates significant to human rights and diversity. The United Nations (UN) designates international days to focus the world on issues in which the UN has an interest and commitment. The following dates are recognized by the United Nations, the Government of Canada and the Alberta Government. Plan to attend events that recognize and celebrate these dates!

JANUARY

27

International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Holocaust

Honour Holocaust victims and learn how to prevent future acts of genocide.

FEBRUARY

Black History Month

Celebrate the contributions of the Black community to our country, province and community.

1-7

International Development Week

Discover how Canada and Canadians are impacting others around the world.

21

International Mother Language Day

Promote multilingual education and encourage linguistic diversity.

MARCH

8

International Women's Day

Celebrate the progress made in women's rights.

21

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

End racism and foster inclusion, respect and equality for all people.

21-28

Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling Against Racism and Racial Discrimination

Work together to eradicate racism.

APRIL

17

Equality Day

Celebrate the anniversary of Section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms that provides for equality.

Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom ha-Shoah)

April/May dependent on the Jewish Calendar

Reflect on the enduring lessons of the Holocaust, raise awareness and endeavour to end genocide, persecution, racism and hatred.

MAY

Asian Heritage Month

Celebrate the contributions of the Asian community to our country, province and community.

15

International Day of Families

Take time for your family.

17

International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia

Eliminate stigma and discrimination faced by gay, lesbian and transgender populations.

17

World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

Implement policies that recognize the benefits of our diversity.

JUNE

20

World Refugee Day

Advocate for the rights of refugees.

CELEBRATE CANADA!

June 21 - July 1

Eleven days of celebration including:

21

National Aboriginal Day

Learn more about Aboriginal Cultures.

24

Saint-Jean Baptiste Day

Enjoy French Canadian culture and celebrate their contributions to Canadian society.

27

Multiculturalism Day

Take pride in your ancestry and create opportunities for everyone to feel welcome.

JULY

1

Canada Day

Celebrate what it means to be Canadian!

18

Nelson Mandela International Day

Strive for a democratic and free society in which everyone lives together in harmony and with equal opportunities.

AUGUST

Alberta Heritage Day First Monday

Recognize the cultural heritage of Alberta, and celebrate your own.

9

International Day of the World's Indigenous People

Learn more about Canada's Aboriginal peoples.

12

International Youth Day

Acknowledge the youth in your life.

SEPTEMBER

8

International Literacy Day

Reflect on the right to an education and the role literacy plays in our lives.

21

International Day of Peace

Work for peaceful resolution of conflicts in your family, your community and in our society.

OCTOBER

Women's History Month

Celebrate the contributions of Women to Canadian Society.

1

International Day of Older Persons

Honor the contributions older people make in your community.

10

World Mental Health Day

Take care of your mental health and wellbeing.

11

International Day of the Girl Child

Recognize girls' rights and the unique issues facing girls around the world.

17

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

Support efforts to eliminate poverty.

18

Persons Day

Mark the anniversary of women being declared "persons" in law.

NOVEMBER

Family Violence Prevention Month

Prevent and end family violence.

Veterans Week

November 5 - 11

Reflect on the many Canadian men and women who gave their lives to protect our democratic way of life.

National Bullying Awareness Week

Third Week of November

Prevent bullying in our communities, schools and workplaces.

16

International Day for Tolerance

Move beyond tolerance to acceptance and inclusion.

20

Universal Children's Day

Celebrate those rights that allow children to grow and prosper without harm.

Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day

Fourth Week of November

Remember the famine and genocide victims and educate to prevent future acts of genocide.

25

International Day to End Violence Against Women

Work to end gender violence.

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence

November 25 - December 10

Prevent violence in all its forms.

DECEMBER

2

International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

Discuss circumstances for how slavery is continuing and work to eliminate them.

3

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Raise awareness of the needs and concerns of people with disabilities.

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National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

Remember the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre when 14 women were murdered at the École Polytechnique and speak out about violence against women.

10

Human Rights Day

Celebrate our human rights and fundamental freedoms by hosting an event, undertaking an activity or taking action.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

about these significant days and links to more information, visit: www.albertahumanrights.ab.ca/education/dates.asp

Visit www.albertahumanrights.ab.ca to learn about the programs and services of the Alberta Human Rights Commission.

Call 403-297-8407 (toll-free within Alberta by first dialing 310-0000) or email educationcommunityservices@gov.ab.ca.

Calendar dates & information are from: www.albertahumanrights.ab.ca

