

June 2023

[National Indigenous History Month](#)



June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada, an opportunity to learn about the unique cultures, traditions and experiences of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. It is also a time to honour the stories, achievements and resilience of Indigenous Peoples, who have lived on this land since time immemorial and whose presence continues to impact the evolving Canada.

The House of Commons designated June as National Aboriginal History Month in 2009. The name was changed to National Indigenous History Month in 2017.

- [Statement by the Prime Minister](#) (2023)
- [Statement by Ministers Marc Miller, Patty Hajdu, Dan Vandal and Pablo Rodriguez on National Indigenous History Month](#) (2023)
- [Reflections on National Indigenous History Month – Senate of Canada](#) (2022)

[Filipino Heritage Month](#)



Every June, we celebrate Filipino Heritage Month, an important time to recognize and highlight the many invaluable contributions Canadians of Filipino heritage make each and every day to the country we call home.

Whether it is in business, politics, health, or the arts, the nearly one million people who claim Filipino heritage in Canada represent one of the fastest-growing diasporas in our country, and their positive impact continues to be seen in towns and cities across Canada.

NDP MPP Doly Begum introduced a private member's bill in the Ontario legislature to proclaim June as Filipino Heritage Month, which passed its final reading and received Royal Assent on May 20, 2021.

[Statement by Minister Hussen on Filipino Heritage Month](#) (2023)

The more you know:

[Filipino-Canadian History](#)

[Filipino Canadians](#) (Canadian Encyclopedia)

[Launch of Pride Season](#)



Pride Season is a term that refers to the wide range of Pride events that take place over the summer (June to September) when 2SLGBTQI+ communities and allies come together to spotlight the resilience, celebrate the talent, and recognize the contributions of 2SLGBTQI+ communities. Although special attention is put on the Pride events during the summer months, they happen throughout the year in many communities.

Historically, Pride gatherings emerged from the first large-scale protests for 2SLGBTQI+ rights. In Canada, the first demonstrations took place in Ottawa and Vancouver in 1971. By 1973, Pride events were held in several Canadian cities, including Montréal, Ottawa, Saskatoon, Toronto, Vancouver and Winnipeg. Toronto's Pride weekend in June is now among the largest Pride events in North America.

[Statement by Minister Marci Ien to Mark the Start of Canada's Pride Season](#) (2023)

The more you know:

[Queer History Resources](#) (CCGSD)

[International Day for Countering Hate Speech](#)

In response to the alarming trends of growing xenophobia, racism and intolerance, violent misogyny, antisemitism and anti-Muslim hatred around the world, UN Secretary-General António Guterres launched the [United Nations Strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech](#) on 18 June 2019.

The Plan of Action defines hate speech as any kind of communication in speech, writing or behaviour that attacks or uses pejorative or discriminatory language with reference to a person or a group on the basis of who they are – in other words, based on their religion, ethnicity, nationality, race, color, descent, gender or other identity factor.

The resolution "Promoting interreligious and intercultural dialogue and tolerance in countering hate speech" ([A/RES/75/309](#)) was adopted by the General Assembly on July 21, 2021.

[World Refugee Day](#)

June 20, 2023

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. World Refugee Day is an occasion to build empathy and understanding for their plight and to recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives.

In 2001, the UN General Assembly along with designating June 20 as World Refugee Day, also adopted a resolution ([A/RES/55/76](#)) to mark the Fiftieth anniversary of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and World Refugee Day.

The more you know:

[The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees](#) (UNHCR).

[National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)

June 21, 2023

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. It is an occasion to celebrate and recognize the heritage, cultures and valuable contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. It is an important occasion to learn more about the rich and diverse cultures, voices, experiences and histories of Indigenous peoples.

In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21, the summer solstice, for National Aboriginal Day, now known as National Indigenous Peoples Day.

National Aboriginal Day (now National Indigenous Peoples Day) was announced in 1996 by then Governor General of Canada, Roméo LeBlanc, through the [Proclamation Declaring June 21 of Each Year as National Aboriginal Day](#).

The more you know:

- [Reconciliation in Canada](#)
 - [Learning resources about First Nations, Inuit and Métis across Canada](#)
 - [Prime Minister's statement to announce intention to rename June 21 as National Indigenous Peoples Day](#) (2017)
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[Canadian Multiculturalism Day](#)

June 27, 2023

In 2002, The Government of Canada declared June 27 as Canadian Multiculturalism Day to honour the many diverse communities and cultures in Canada.

Canada is the first country in the world to adopt multiculturalism as an official policy. The [Canadian Multiculturalism Act](#), passed in 1988, acknowledged multiculturalism as a “fundamental characteristic of Canadian society”, was the first of its kind in the world.

We invite you to take this opportunity to celebrate the cultural diversity that enriches us collectively and reaffirm your commitment to equity, inclusion, and mutual respect.

The more you know:

[Multiculturalism in Canada](#)

[Proclamation Declaring June 27 of each year as “Canadian Multiculturalism Day”](#)

Resources to add to your toolkit:

- [Leader Talks with Anne-Marie Pham](#)
Podcast series hosted by Anne-Marie Pham, CEO of the [Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion](#)
- [The Canadian Centre for Gender + Sexual Diversity \(CCGSD\)](#)
- [Ottawa Indigenous Services](#)



[CUPE Cast Episode 25 – Convention Baseball](#)

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