# **September**

- 5 Mawlid-al-Nabi (\*
- 7 13 Mennonite Heritage Week
- 21 27 Gender Equality Week
- 22 28 International Week of the **Deaf People**
- 22 24 Rosh Hashana  $\Psi$
- 22 2 **Navratri** 30
  - 23 International Day of Sign Languages
  - 30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation / Orange **Shirt Day**



## October

**Canadian Islamic History Month Community Inclusion Month German Heritage Month Latinx Heritage Month 2SLGBTQIA+ History Month** Women's History Month

- 1 National Seniors Day
- 1 2 Yom Kippur 🖤
  - 2 Dussehra 30
- 6 13 **Sukkot** Ψ
  - 10 World Mental Health Day
  - 11 International Day of the
- 11 National Coming Out Day
- 14 15 Simchat Torah \(\psi\)
  - 15 International Pronouns Day
  - 16 Spirit Day
  - 18 Persons Day
  - 20 Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth (1)
  - 20 Diwali/Dandi Chhor Divas
  - 24 Climate Action Day
  - 26 Intersex Day of Remembrance

# November

**Indigenous Disability Awareness** 

**Transgender Awareness Month** 

- 1 Musqueam Day
- 2 Trans Parent Day
- 5 Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib (1)
- 7 International Inuit Day
- 8 Indigenous Veterans Day
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 13 19 Trans Awareness Week
  - 16 International Day for Tolerance
  - 20 Transgender Day of Remembrance
  - 20 World Child Day
  - 22 Holodomor Memorial Day
  - 24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur (1)

## **December**

- 1 World AIDS Day
- 2 International Day for **Abolition of Slavery**
- 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- 6 National Day of **Remembrance and Action** on Violence Against Women
- 8 Bodhi Day
- 9 International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 14 22 Hanukkah ₩
  - 21 Winter Solstice (Northern Hemisphere)
  - 24 Quviasukvik Begins (Inuit Winter Festival)
- 25 Christmas T
- 26 1 Kwanzaa

# **January 2026**

#### **Tamil Heritage Month**

- 1 Ochetookeskaw Kissing **Day - Hand Shaking Day** (Métis)/New Year's Day
- 3 Mahayana New Year 🛞
- 7 Eastern Orthodox Christmas +
- 13 Maghi 🏚
- 15 Black Excellence Day
- 17 Raoul Wallenberg Day, 1st Canadian Honorary Citizen
- 19 17 Shevat ₩
- 20 5 Guru Gobindh Singh Birthday/Prakash (1)
  - Lincoln Alexander Day
  - 23 Vasant Panchami
  - 24 World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture (A UNESCO adopted day)
  - 27 Internatiaonal Holocaust Remembrance Day
  - 29 National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque **Attack and Action Against** Islamophobia

# **Black History Month**

# **February**

#### **Black History Month**

- 1 World Hijab Day
- 15 Nirvana Day 🛞
- 15 Maha Shivaratri ກັດ
- 16 Louis Riel Day
- 17 Lunar New Year/Têt Year of the Horse
- 17 21 Ramadan (\*
  - 18 Ash Wednesday +
  - 20 World Day of Social Justice
  - 21 International Mother Language Day
- 25 1 Pink Shirt Day
- 27 28 Hoobiyee Nisga'a New Year

# March

#### Irish Heritage Month

- 1 Zero Discrimination Day
- 2-3 **Purim** \$\Psi\$
  - 3 Lantern Festival
- 3 Magha Puja Day 🛞
- 4 6 Hola Mohalla (1)
- 4 Holi (30)
- 8 International Women's Day
- 15 International Day to Combat Islamophobia
- 19 27 Chaitra Navratri 🕉
  - 20 Two-Spirit Indigenous Celebration Day (BC Only)
  - 20 Nowruz Iranian (Persian) **New Year**
- 20 23 Eid-al-Fitr Celebration
  - 21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
  - 21 World Down Syndrome Day
  - 25 International Day of Remembrance of Slavery Victims and the **Transatlantic Slave Trade**
  - 26 Ram Navami 30
  - 31 International Trans Day of **Visibility**

# April

**Autism Acceptance Month** Genocide Remembrance, **Condemnation & Prevention Month** Sikh Heritage Month

- 1 9 Pesach (Passover)
- 2 Hanuman Jayanti 🕉
- 2 World Autism Acceptance Day
- 3 Good Friday T
- 5 Easter Sunday +
- 6 Easter Monday + 8 International Day of Pink
- 13 19 BC Bangla Heritage Week
- 13 14 Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day)
  - 14 Vaisakhi 🌘
  - 19 Non-Binary Parents Day
  - 28 Day of Mourning

# May

**Asian Heritage Month Canadian Jewish Heritage Month** 

- 1 Vesak
- 5 Cinco-de-Mayo
- 5 Dutch Heritage Day
- 5 Red Dress Day
- 10 Bear Witness Day
- 17 International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOT)
- 21 World Day for Cultural **Diversity for Dialogue** Development
- 21 23 Shavuot
  - 23 Anniversary of Komagata
- 24 Buddha's Birthday
- 24 29 The Hajj 🛧
- 26 30 Eid al-Adha
  - 30 Guru Arjan Martyrdom (1)

### June

Filipinx Heritage Month **Italian Heritage Month National Indigenous Heritage Month** Portuguese Heritage Month **Pride Month** 

- 16 17 The Islamic New Year (Arabic New Year or Hijri New Year) **(**⋆
  - 21 National Indigenous People's Day/Métis Day
  - 21 Métis Nation Day (also called "Joseph's Day")
  - 23 National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism
  - 24 St. Jean-Baptiste Day
  - 27 Canadian Multiculturalism Day
  - 28 Stonewall (Origins of Pride)



### **Disability Pride Month**

- 1 Sant Teja Day
- 14 International Non-Binary People's Day
- 18 Nelson Mandela Day



# **August**

- 1 Emancipation Day
- 2 Roma Holocaust **Remembrance Day**
- 9 International Day of the **World's Indigenous People**
- 12 International Youth Day
- 15 National Acadian Day

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Symbols for Religious Days of Significance

The symbols in the table below are widely known to represent International organized religions







