

Days of Awareness 2023-24

September 2023

Date(s)	Observance
Sept. 1-30	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month
Sept. 3	Farvadegan (Zoroastrianism - Shenshahi Calendar)
Sept. 4	Labour Day
Sept. 5-6	Arbaeen (Islam)
Sept. 6-7	Krishna Janmashtami (Hinduism)
Sept. 7	Birth Date of H.H. Sakya Trizin (Buddhism)
	Ukrainian Heritage Day
Sept. 8	International Literacy Day
Sept. 9	International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day
Sept. 10	World Suicide Prevention Day
Sept. 10-16	Mennonite Heritage Week
Sept. 11-18	Paryushan Parva (Jainism)
Sept. 12	Anniversary of the Tatsunokuchi Persecution (Buddhism)
	Coptic New Year/Nayrouz (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
Sept. 15	International Dot Day
Sept. 15-17	Rosh Hashanah (Judaism)
Sept. 17	Terry Fox Run
Sept. 17-23	National Forest Week
Sept. 19	Ganesh Chaturthi (Hinduism)
	Powley Day (Indigenous World View)
	Samvatsari/Paryushan Parva ends/Daslakshan Parva begins (Jainism)
Sept. 20	Kshamavani or 'Forgiveness Day' (Jainism)
	National Tree Day
	Rowan's Law Day
Sept. 20-26	Festival of Higan-e (Buddhism)

Sept. 21	Harvestide/Mabon/Fall Equinox (Wicca)
	International Day of Peace
Sept. 23	International Day of Sign Languages
Sept. 24	Eihei Dogen Kigen Memorial (Buddhism)
Sept. 24-25	Yom Kippur (Judaism)
Sept. 25	Franco-Ontarian Day
Sept. 25-30	National Truth and Reconciliation Week
Sept. 26-27	Milad-un-Nabi (Islam)
Sept. 28	Anant Chaturdashi (Hinduism)
	Anant Chaturdashi/Daslakshan Parva ends (Jainism)
Sept. 29	Mid-Autum Festival (Moon Festival) (Buddhism)
Sept. 29 – Oct. 6	Sukkot (Judaism)
Sept. 30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
	Orange Shirt Day

October 2023

Date(s)	Observance
Oct. 1-31	2SLGBTQIA+ History Month
	Autism Awareness Month Canada
	Dyslexia Awareness Month Canada
	German Heritage Month
	Islamic Heritage Month
	Latin American Heritage Month
	Women's History Month
Oct. 2	International Day of Non-Violence
	World Habitat Day
Oct. 4	International Walk to School Day
Oct. 4-10	World Space Week
Oct. 6	World Cerebral Palsy Day
Oct. 7-8	Simchat Torah (Judaism)
Oct. 8-14	National Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 9	Thanksgiving
Oct. 10	World Mental Health Day
Oct. 11	International Day of the Girl Child
	National Coming Out Day
Oct. 15-23	Sharad Navratri (Hinduism)
Oct. 16	Birth of the Báb (Bahá'í)
	World Food Day
Oct. 16-17	Birth of the Bahá'u'lláh (Bahá'í)
Oct. 16-20	National School Bus Safety Week
Oct. 17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
Oct. 18	Persons Day
Oct. 19	International Pronouns Day
	School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
Oct. 20	Installation of the Guru Granth as Guru (Sikhism)
	Installation of Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib (Sikhism)
Oct. 22	Durga Ashtami (Hinduism)

Oct. 23-29	Canadian Down Syndrome Week
Oct. 24	Vijayadashami, also known as Dussehra, Dasara or Dashain (Hinduism)
Oct. 26	Dress Purple Day - Association of Children's Aid Societies
Oct. 28 – Nov. 27	Kathina (Buddhism)
Oct. 29	Pavarana (Buddhism)
Oct. 31 – Nov. 1	Karva Chauth (Hinduism)
	Samhain (Wicca)

November 2023

Date(s)	Observance
Nov. 1-30	Albanian Heritage Month
	Hindu Heritage Month
	Financial Literacy Month
	Movember
Nov. 1	All Saints Day (Christianity)
Nov. 2	I Read Canadian Day
Nov. 5	World Tsunami Awareness Day
Nov. 5-11	Treaties Recognition Week
	Veteran's Week
Nov. 7	Inuit Day (Indigenous World View)
Nov. 8	Indigenous Veterans Day (Indigenous World View)
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Nov. 12	Bandi Chhor Divas (Sikhism)
	Diwali/Deepavali – five-day festival (Hinduism)
Nov. 12-18	Transgender Awareness Week
Nov. 13	Diwali/Lord Mahavir Nirvana (Jainism)
	New Year/Enlightenment Day of Gautamswami (Jainism)
	Vikram Samvat New Year (Hinduism)
	World Kindness Day
Nov. 14	World Diabetes Day
Nov. 16	International Day for Tolerance
	Louis Riel Day (Indigenous World View)
Nov. 18	Gyan Panchami (Jainism)
Nov. 19-25	Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
Nov. 20	National Child Day/World Children's Day
	Transgender Day of Remembrance
Nov. 20-26	Canada History Week
Nov. 24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur (Sikhism)
Nov. 25	Holodomor Memorial Day
	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Nov. 25-26	Day of the Covenant (Bahá'í)
Nov. 25 – Dec. 10	The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence
Nov. 26	Dev Diwali (Jainism)
Nov. 27	Birth of Guru Nanak Jayanti (Sikhism)
Nov. 27-28	Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá (Bahá'í)

December 2023

Date(s)	Observance
Dec. 1	World AIDS Day
Dec. 2	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
Dec. 3	First Day of Advent (Christianity)
	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
Dec. 6	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
	Saint Nicholas Day (Christianity)
Dec. 7-15	Chanukah/Hanukkah (Judaism)
Dec. 8	Awakening Day (Buddhism)
Dec. 9	International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime
Dec. 10	Human Rights Day
Dec. 13	Birthday of Imam Aga Khan (Islam)
Dec. 21	Yule/Winter Solstice (Wicca)
Dec. 22	Maun Ekadashi (Jainism)
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve (Christianity)
Dec. 25	Christmas (Christianity)
Dec. 26	Boxing Day
	Sanghamitta Day/Unduvap Poya (Buddhism)
	Zarathosht-no-diso (Zoroastrianism - Fasli Calendar)
Dec. 26 – Jan. 1	Kwanzaa

January 2024

Date(s)	Observance
Jan. 1-31	Tamil Heritage Month
Jan. 1	New Year's Day
	Temple Day/Solar New Year (Buddhism)
Jan. 4	World Braille Day
Jan. 6	Epiphany (Christianity)
Jan. 7	Christmas (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
Jan. 10	Linji Memorial (Buddhism)
Jan. 11	Sir John A. Macdonald Day
Jan. 13	Lohri (Hinduism)
	Maghi (Sikhism)
Jan. 14	New Year's Day (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
Jan. 15	Makar Sankranti (Hinduism)
	Thai Pongal (Hinduism – Tamil)
Jan. 19	Epiphany (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
Jan. 20	Birth of Guru Gobind Singh (Sikhism)
Jan. 21	Lincoln Alexander Day
Jan. 24	International Day of Education
	World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture
	Bell Let's Talk
Jan. 25	Honen Shonin Memorial (Buddhism)
	Mahayana New Year (Buddhism)
Jan. 27	Family Literacy Day
	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust
Jan. 29	National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia

February 2024

Date(s)	Observance
Feb. 1-29	Black History Month
Feb. 1	World Hijab Day
Feb. 1-2	Imbolc (Wicca)
Feb. 2	Groundhog Day
	World Wetlands Day
Feb. 4	World Cancer Day
Feb. 6	Isra'a and Mi'raj (Islam)
Feb. 10	Losar/Tibetan New Year (Buddhism)
	Lunar New Year/Maitreya Bodhisattva's Birthday (Buddhism)
Feb. 11	International Day of Women and Girls in Science
Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday (Christianity)
	Valentines Day
	Vasant Panchami (Hinduism)
Feb. 15	National Flag of Canada Day
	Nirvana Day (Buddhism, Jainism)
Feb. 17	Random Acts of Kindness Day
Feb. 19	Family Day
Feb. 20	World Day of Social Justice
Feb. 24	Magha/Sangha Day (Buddhism)
Feb. 24-25	Mid-Sha'ban (Islam)
Feb. 26 – March 1	Ayyám-i-Há/Intercalary Days (Bahá'í)
Feb. 28	Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying Day)
Feb. 29	Rare Diseases Day

March 2024

Date(s)	Observance
March 1-31	Bangladeshi Heritage Month
	Hellenic Heritage Month
March 1	Bahá'i Fast (Bahá'i)
	National Employee Appreciation Day
	Zero Discrimination Day
March 3	World Wildlife Day
March 4-8	Black Mental Health Week
March 8	International Women's Day
	Maha Shivratri (Hinduism)
March 10 – April 9	Ramadan (Islam)
March 11	National COVID-19 Day of Observance
March 12	Epilepsy Awareness Day
March 14	Memorial of Shan-tao/Zendo Daishi (Buddhism)
	National Pi Day
	Sikh New Year (Sikhism)
March 15	International Day to Combat Islamophobia
March 17	Irish Heritage Day
March 18	Clean Monday (Christianity)
March 19	Ostara/Mabon/Lady Day/Spring Equinox (Wicca)
March 20	Festival of Higan-e (Buddhism)
	French Language Day
	International Day of Happiness
	Naw Ruz/New Year (Bahá'i)
	New Year (Hindu)
March 21	Eid-e-Navroz (Islam)
	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
	International Day of Forests
	Navroze/New Year (Zoroastrianism – Fasli Calendar)
	World Down Syndrome Day
	World Poetry Day

March 22	World Water Day
March 23	National School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day
March 23	Earth Hour
March 23-24	Purim (Judaism)
March 25	Holi (Hinduism)
	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
March 25-27	Hola Mohalla (Sikhism)
March 26	Khordad Sal (Zoroastrianism – Fasli Calendar)
	Purple Day – Supporting Epilepsy
March 29	Good Friday (Christianity)
March 31	Easter (Christianity)
	International Transgender Day of Visibility

April 2024

Date(s)	Observance
April 1-30	Sikh Heritage Month
April 1	Easter Monday (Christianity)
April 2	World Autism Awareness Day
April 5	Jumma-tul-Wida (Islam)
April 6	Laylat al Qadr (Islam)
April 7	International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda
	World Health Day
April 8	Farvardegan (Zoroastrianism – Fasli Calendar)
April 9	Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge
April 9-10	Eid-ul-Fitr (Islam)
April 10	International Day of Pink
April 9-17	Chaitra Navratri/Vasanta Navratri (Hinduism)
April 12	Day of Silence (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network)
April 13	Vaisakhi/Baisakhi (Hinduism, Sikhism)
April 14	Tamil New Year (Hinduism)
April 17	Rama Navami (Hinduism)
April 20-21	First Day of Ridvan (Bahá'í)
April 21	Mahavir Jayanti Birthda (Jainism)
	World Creativity and Innovation Day
April 21-27	National Volunteer Week
April 22	International Earth Day
April 22-30	Pesach/Passover (Judaism)
April 23	World Book Day
	Zarathosht-no-diso (Zoroastrianism – Qadimi Calendar)
April 24-26	Theravada New Year (Buddhism)
April 28	National Day of Mourning (World Day for Safety and Health)
	Nichiren Foundation Day (Buddhism)
April 29	Ninth Day of Ridvan (Bahá'í)
April 30	International Jazz Day
April 30 – May 1	Twelfth Day of Ridvan (Bahá'í)

May 2024

Date(s)	Observance
May 1-31	Asian Heritage Month
	Dutch Heritage Month
	Jewish Heritage Month
	South Asian Heritage Month
May 3	Good Friday (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
May 5	Easter (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
May 5	National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People/Red Dress Day
May 5-6	Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Remembrance Day
May 6-10	Education Week
May 6	Easter Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
May 6	Music Monday
May 7	National Child and Youth Mental Health Day
May 12	International Nurses Day
	Mother's Day
May 15	Buddha's Birth Date (Buddhism)
	International Day of Families
May 17	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia
May 19	Pentecost (Christianity)
May 20	Victoria Day
	World Bee Day
May 21	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
May 23	Vesak/Budda Day (Buddhism)
	Zarathosht-no-diso (Zoroastrianism - Shenshahi Calendar)
May 25	Declaration of the Báb (Bahá'í)
May 25-26	Lag BaOmer (Judaism)
May 26 – June 1	National AccessAbility Week
May 29	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh (Bahá'í)
May 31	Red Shirt Day

June 2024

Date(s)	Observance
June 1-30	Filipino Heritage Month
	Italian Heritage Month
	National Indigenous History Month
	Portuguese History and Heritage Month
	Pride Month
June 6	Poson (Buddhism)
June 8	World Oceans Day
June 11-13	Shavout (Judaism)
June 16	Father's Day
	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev (Sikhism)
	Waqfatu'Arafat (Islam)
June 16-20	Eid-al-Adha (Islam)
June 19	Juneteenth (American)
	United Empire Loyalists' Day
June 20	Litha/Summer Solstice (Wicca)
	World Refugee Day
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 23	Pentecost (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
June 27	Canadian Multiculturalism Day
June 30	All Saints Day (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)

July 2024

Date(s)	Observance
July 1	Canada Day
July 6	Birth Date of H.H. Dala Lama Tenzin Gyatso (Buddhism)
July 8	New Year/Hijra (Islam)
July 8-10	Martyrdom of the Báb (Bahá'í)
July 11	Imamat Day (Islam)
July 14	International Non-Binary People's Day
July 15	World Youth Skills Day
July 16-17	Ashura (Islam)
July 17	Navroze/New Year (Zoroastrianism - Qadimi Calendar)
July 20	Vassa (Rains Retreat) begins (Buddhism)
July 21	Asalha Puja Day/Dharma Day (Buddhism)
	Guru Purnima (Hinduism, Jainism)
July 22	Khordad Sal (Zoroastrianism - Qadimi Calendar)
July 30	International Day of Friendship
	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

August 2024

Date(s)	Observance
Aug. 1	Emancipation Day
	Lughnasadh/Lammas (Wicca)
Aug. 4	Farvardegan (Zoroastrianism - Qadimi Calendar)
Aug. 5	Civic Holiday
Aug. 9	International Day of the World's Indigenous People
Aug. 12	International Youth Day
Aug. 12-13	Tisha B'av (Judaism)
Aug. 16	Navroze/New Year (Zoroastrianism - Shenshahi Calendar)
Aug. 19	Raksha Bandhan (Hinduism)
Aug. 21	Khordad Sal (Zoroastrianism - Shenshahi Calendar)