



## Multicultural and Diversity

# Newsletter

### National Indigenous History Month-Canada

June is a National Indigenous Month as declared by the Canadian Parliament in 2009. It is a fitting tribute to the heritage and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities across Canada. Indigenous History Month is an opportunity not only to recognize Indigenous People's historic contribution to the development of Canada, but also the strength of present-day Indigenous communities and their promise for the future.



### Dragon Boat Festival (China, Hong Kong)

June 3- This day honors the patriot poet Chu Yuan who drowned himself in the Milo River, south of China in protest of the political injustice in 277 B.C. The villager raced to the river and jumped into dragon boats but never found him. As they searched, they beat drums to scare off fish and dragons that might attack his mortal remains. It is a holiday celebrated by boat races in the shape of dragons.



### Red Earth Fair (Indigenous, Canada, and USA)

June 1-3- On the occasion of the Red Earth Fair, cultural festival takes place in Oklahoma City for 3 days. Over 150 Native tribes from U.S. and Canada gather in downtown Oklahoma City to share and participate in their rich and diverse heritage through highest quality original art, drum and dance juried competitions.



### Gawai Dayak (Malaysia)

June 1- This day marks the traditional rice harvest. Rituals are performed to express thanks to the spirits of the paddy with requests for a better harvest during the next planting season. It is an open house for friends and relatives with celebrations usually lasting three days.

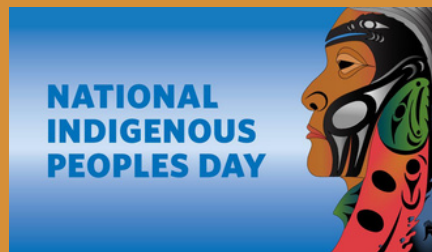
## Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev (Sikh)

June 16- Guru Arjan Dev was the fifth Guru (1563-1606) and the first Sikh martyr executed by the Mughal emperor Jehangir. He built the Golden Temple in Amritsar with doors facing all the directions to emphasize that the Sikh way was open to all, regardless of caste.



### Father's Day (Canada, USA, and UK)

June 19- The origin of the day to honour fathers began in 1910, when Louise Dodd of Spokane, Washington, suggested to her minister that a day be set aside. Her own father was a Civil War veteran who raised his six children on the family farm after his wife died in childbirth. Interest in the day grew, and in 1966 a presidential proclamation established Father's Day as the third Sunday in June.



### National Indigenous Peoples Day (Canada)

June 21- This is an event growing in importance in Canada when the outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis are recognized. June 21 is the longest day of the year (June Solstice), so the Government of Canada chose this day for National Indigenous Peoples Day as it was on or near the June Solstice. <https://youtu.be/hIO4zW2N9wU>



### St. Jean Baptiste Day (Quebec, Canada)

June 24- St. Jean is the patron saint of French-Canadians in Quebec, Canada. It is a national holiday and there are parades, bonfires, and fireworks to celebrate his birthday.



## Multiculturalism Day (Canada)

June 27- The Government of Canada officially recognized June 27th as Canadian Multiculturalism Day on November 13, 2002. This day acknowledges the contributions that various communities make to Canadian society and to celebrate the country's richness and diversity.



## Stonewall Rebellion day (LGBT)

June 28- This day commemorates the U.S. anniversary of the protest against police harassment in New York City's Greenwich Village in 1969. The event has been commemorated by a Pride Parade each year in New York City on the last Sunday in June. Events and Pride Parades are held in many metropolitan cities throughout the USA and Canada.



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