

Observances 2017-18

Most of the observances listed below are recognized locally, provincially, nationally and world-wide.

September

Arthritis Awareness Month

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Month

Blood Cancer Awareness Month

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Men's Cancer Health Awareness Month

Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

World Alzheimer's Month

3 Merchant Navy Veteran's Day

4 Labour Day

5 International Day of Charity *

7 Outdoor Classroom Day

8 International Literacy Day *

9 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day *

9 World First Aid Day

10 Grandparents Day

10 World Suicide Prevention Day *

11 National Day of Service *

12 United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation *

12-16 Sexual Violence Awareness Week

15 International Day of Democracy *

15 World Lymphoma Awareness Day *

16 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer *

16 National Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Heritage Day

16 World Spine Day

16-24 National Organic Week

17 Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research

18-22 Learn @ Work Week

18-22 Hunger Awareness Week

18-24 Science Literacy Week

21 International Day of Peace *

21 World Alzheimer's Day *

21-22 Rosh Hashanah

22 Fall Equinox

23 National Learn to Code Day

September cont'd

- 24** **Police and Peace Officer's National Memorial Day**
- 24-30** **National Forest Week**
- 25** **International Ataxia Awareness Day ***
- 26** **Cybertip.ca Awareness Day**
- 26** **International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons ***
- 27** **National Tree Day**
- 27** **World Tourism Day ***
- 27** **World School Milk Day**
- 28** **Terry Fox School Run**
- 28** **World Maritime Day**
- 28** **World Rabies Day ***
- 29** **World Heart Day ***
- 30** **Astronomy Day**
- 30** **Yom Kippur**

October

- ADHD Awareness Month**
- Autism Awareness Month**
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month**
- Canadian Library Month**
- Car Safety Month**
- Child Abuse Prevention Month**
- Cyber Security Awareness Month**
- Healthy Workplace Month**
- International Walk to School (IWALK) Month**
- Islamic History Month**
- Learning Disabilities Awareness Month**
- Lupus Awareness Month**
- National Principals' Month**
- Occupational Therapy Month**
- Polio Awareness Month**
- SIDS Awareness Month**
- Women's History Month**
- 1** **CIBC Run for the Cure**
- 1** **Int'l Day of Older Persons/National Seniors Day ***
- 1** **International Music Day ***
- 1-7** **Animal Health Week**
- 1-7** **Mental Illness Awareness Week**
- 1-7** **National Newspaper Week**

October cont'd

- 1-7 HPV Prevention Week**
- 2 International Day of Non-Violence ***
- 2 World Habitat Day**
- 2-6 National Family Week**
- 4 International Walk to School (IWALK) Day**
- 4 World Animal Day ***
- 4-10 World Space Week ***
- 5 World Teachers' Day ***
- 6 World Cerebral Palsy Day**
- 7 Canada Ostomy Day**
- 7 Newspaper Carrier Appreciation Day**
- 8-14 Fire Prevention Week**
- 9 Thanksgiving Day**
- 9 World Post Day ***
- 9-15 Citizenship Week**
- 10 World Mental Health Day ***
- 11 International Day of the Girl Child ***
- 11 National Coming Out Day ***
- 12 Outdoor Classroom Day**
- 12 World Arthritis Day**
- 12 World Sight Day**
- 13 International Day for Disaster Reduction ***
- 14 World Hospice and Palliative Care Day**
- 14 World Standards Day ***
- 14-21 National Chemistry Week**
- 15 Global Handwashing Day ***
- 15 International Day of Rural Women***
- 15 Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day ***
- 15 World Idic15 Awareness Day ***
- 15-21 Co-Op Week**
- 15-21 National Foster Family Week**
- 15-21 Small Business Week**
- 16 National Boss Day**
- 16 World Food Day ***
- 16 World Spine Day ***
- 16-20 National Infection Control Week**
- 16-22 Waste Reduction Week**
- 16-22 YWCA Week Without Violence**
- 17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty ***

October cont'd

17-23	National School Safety Week *
18	Persons Day *
18	World Menopause Day *
20	World Statistics Day *
22	International Stuttering Awareness Day *
22-28	Canadian Intensive Care Week
22-28	National Black Parent Week
24	United Nations Day *
24	World Development Information Day *
24-30	Disarmament Week *
27	World Day for Audio-visual Heritage *
29	World Stroke Day *
29	World Psoriasis Day *
30-Nov. 3	Canadian Patient Safety Week
31	Halloween *
31	National UNICEF Day
31	World Cities Day *

November

Canada Career Month

CPR Month

Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Month

Diabetes Month

Eczema Awareness Month

Fall Prevention Month

Financial Literacy Month

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Movember

National Community Safety and Crime Prevention Month

Osteoporosis Month

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

Radon Action Month

1-7 **Canadian Down Syndrome Week ***

1-19 **19 Days of Activism for Prevention of Violence Against Children and Youth ***

1 **Take Our Kids to Work Day**

2 **Int'l Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists ***

5 **Daylight Savings Time Ends**

5 **Guy Fawkes Day ***

5 **World Tsunami Awareness Day ***

5-11 **National Skilled Trades and Technology Week**

5-11 **Veterans' Week ***

- 6 Int'l Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict ***
- 6-10 Media Literacy Week**
- 6-11 Family Doctor Week in Canada**
- 6-12 National Senior Safety Week ***
- 8 International Day of Radiology ***
- 9-14 International Week of Science and Peace**
- 10 World Science Day for Peace and Development ***
- 11 Remembrance Day ***
- 12 World Pneumonia Day ***
- 12-18 Bully Awareness Week**
- 12-18 Geography Awareness Week**
- 12-18 National Addictions Awareness Week**
- 13 World Kindness Day**
- 13-19 Digital Health Week**
- 13-19 World Antibiotic Awareness Week**
- 14 World Diabetes Day ***
- 15 International Pen Day of the Imprisoned Writer ***
- 15 National Philanthropy Day ***
- 15 National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims**
- 16 International Day for Tolerance ***
- 16 World Pancreatic Cancer Day**
- 16 World Philosophy Day**
- 17 World Prematurity Day**
- 18 International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day**
- 18-25 YMCA Peace Week**
- 19 World Day for the Prevention of Abuse and Violence Against Children ***
- 19 World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims**
- 19 World Toilet Day ***
- 19-26 Restorative Justice Week**
- 20 Africa Industrialization Day ***
- 20 Sir Wilfred Laurier Day ***
- 20 Universal Children's Day/National Child Day ***
- 21 World Fisheries Day**
- 21 World Hello Day ***
- 21 World Television Day ***
- 24-30 National Home Fire Safety Week ***
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women ***
- 25 Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day**
- 25-Dec 10 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence ***
- 28 Giving Tuesday**
- 29 International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People ***
- 30 Stomach Cancer Awareness Day**

December

- 1 World AIDS Day *
- 1-5 Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Week
- 1-7 National Safe Driving Week *
- 2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery *
- 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities *
- 4-10 Computer Science Education Week
- 5 International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development *
- 5 World Soil Day *
- 6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women *
- 7 International Civil Aviation Day *
- 9 International Anti-Corruption Day *
- 9 Int'l Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime
- 10 Human Rights Day *
- 10 International Children's Day of Broadcasting
- 11 Anniversary of the Statute of Westminster *
- 11 International Mountain Day *
- 12 International Day of Neutrality *
- 13-20 Hanukkah
- 18 Arabic Language Day
- 18 International Migrants Day *
- 20 International Human Solidarity Day *
- 21 Winter Solstice
- 25 Christmas Day *
- 26 Boxing Day *

January

Alzheimer's Awareness Month

- 1 New Year's Day *
- 4 World Braille Day *
- 11 Sir John A. Macdonald Day *
- 14-20 National Non-Smoking Week
- 17 Raoul Wallenberg Commemorative Day *
- 17 Weedless Wednesday
- 21 Lincoln Alexander Day *
- 26 International Customs Day *
- 27 Family Literacy Day *
- 27 Int'l Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust *
- 28 World Leprosy Day

February

Black History Month

Heart Month

February cont'd

Junior Achievement Month

Psychology Month

1-7	World Interfaith Harmony Week *
2	Groundhog Day *
2	World Wetlands Day *
4	World Cancer Day *
6	Int'l Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation *
6	Safer Internet Day
11	International Day of Women and Girls in Science *
12-16	Teacher Appreciation Week
13	Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day
13	World Radio Day *
14	Valentine's Day *
15	International Childhood Cancer Day
15	National Flag of Canada Day *
16	Chinese New Year
19	Heritage Day
20	World Day of Social Justice *
21	International Mother Language Day *
22	World Thinking Day *
25-Mar 3	Freedom to Read Week
28	International STAND UP to Bullying Day / Pink Shirt Day
28	Rare Disease Day in Canada

March

Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month

Childhood Arthritis Month

Colon Cancer Awareness Month

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Fraud Prevention Month

Kidney Health Month

Liver Health Month

National Engineering Month

National Social Work Month

Nutrition Month

Pharmacist Awareness Month

Red Cross Month

Self-Injury Awareness Month

1	Self-injury Awareness Day *
1	Zero Discrimination Day *
1-21	Semaine nationale de la francophonie
2	Employee Appreciation Day
3	World Wildlife Day *
7	Alexander Graham Bell Day

March cont'd

8	International Women's Day *
8	World Kidney Day
11	Daylight Savings Time Begins
11-17	World Glaucoma Week
12	Commonwealth Day
12-18	Brain Awareness Week
14	Pi Day *
14-20	National Farm Safety Week *
15	Micro-volunteering Day *
17	St. Patrick's Day *
20	French Language Day
20	International Day of Happiness *
20	Journee internationale de la francophonie/International Francophonie Day
20	Spring Equinox
21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination *
21	International Day of Forests *
21	International Day of Nowruz *
21	World Down Syndrome Day *
21	World Poetry Day *
21-27	Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling Against Racism and Racial Discrimination *
22	World Water Day *
23	World Meteorological Day *
24	World Tuberculosis Day *
24	Int'l Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims *
25	Int'l Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade *
25	Int'l Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members *
25	Palm Sunday
26	Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness *
27	World Theatre Day *
30	Good Friday
31	International Transgender Day of Visibility *

April

Daffodil Month

Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) Awareness Month

National Poetry Month

National Oral Health Month

Parkinson's Awareness Month

Rosacea Awareness Month

1 **April Fool's Day ***

1 **Easter Sunday**

2 **International Children's Book Day**

April cont'd

2	Pope John Paul II Day *
2	World Autism Awareness Day *
4	International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action *
6	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace *
6	National Tartan Day *
7	International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda *
7	World Health Day *
8-14	National Wildlife Week
9	Vimy Ridge Day *
10-16	World Homeopathic Awareness Week *
11	International Day of Pink
12	International Day of Human Space Flight *
15	Microvolunteering Day *
15-21	National Volunteer Week
17	World Hemophilia Day *
20	Chinese Language Day
21	World Creativity and Innovation Day *
22	Earth Day *
22-28	Administrative Professionals Week
23	English Language Day *
23	Spanish Language Day *
23	St. George's Day
24	World Meningitis Day *
25	Administrative Professionals Day
25	Parental Alienation Awareness Day *
25	World Malaria Day *
26	International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day *
26	World Intellectual Property Day *
28	Day of Mourning (for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace) *
28	World Day of Safety and Health at Work *
29	Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare *
29	International Dance Day *
30	International Jazz Day *
30	International Spank Out Day *
30-May 6	Screen-Free Week

May

Asian Heritage Month

Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month

Brain Tumour Awareness Month

Car Care Month

Celiac Awareness Month

Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month

Food Allergy Awareness Month

Green Ribbon of Hope Month (Child Find Canada)

May cont'd

Huntington Disease Awareness Month

Lyme Disease Awareness Month

MedicAlert Month

Melanoma Awareness Month

Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month

National Physiotherapy Month

Speech and Hearing Month

Vision Health Month

- 1-7 National Summer Safety Week *
- 1-7 National Youth Week *
- 2 World Tuna Day
- 3 World Press Freedom Day *
- 4 International Firefighters' Day *
- 5 International Day of the Midwife
- 6 International No Diet Day *
- 6-12 Emergency Preparedness Week
- 7 Child and Youth Mental Health Day
- 7 Music Monday
- 7-13 Canadian Music Week
- 8 World Red Cross Day *
- 8-9 Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives During the Second World War *
- 10 World Migratory Bird Day *
- 12 International Nurses Day *
- 12 International Fibromyalgia Awareness Day *
- 13 Mother's Day
- 15 International Day of Families *
- 17 International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia & Biphobia *
- 17 World Telecommunication and Information Society Day *
- 18 International Museum Day *
- 19 National Fiddling Day
- 21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development *
- 21 Victoria Day
- 22 International Day for Biological Diversity *
- 22-25 Aboriginal Awareness Week
- 23 International Day to End Obstetric Fistula *
- 25 Missing Children's Day *
- 25-31 Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories *
- 28-June 3 National Sun Awareness Week
- 29 International Day of UN Peacekeepers *
- 29 Day of Vesak
- 31 World No-Tobacco Day *

June

ALS Awareness Month

June cont'd

Brain Injury Awareness Month

National Aboriginal History Month

Seniors Month

Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month

Stroke Awareness Month

Thyroid Awareness Month

1	Global Day of Parents *
2	National Health and Fitness Day
3	Canadian Forces Day
3-9	Canadian Environment Week
4	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression *
5	World Environment Day *
6	Clean Air Day
6	Russian Language Day
8	World Oceans Day *
9	Global Wellness Day
10	Canadian Rivers Day
10-16	National Blood Donor Week
10-16	National Public Service Week
12	World Day Against Child Labour *
13	International Albinism Awareness Day *
14	World Blood Donor Day *
15	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day *
16	International Day of Family Remittances *
17	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought *
17	Father's Day
19	International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict *
20	World Refugee Day *
21	Summer Solstice
21	International Day of Yoga *
21	National Aboriginal Day *
21-July 1	Celebrate Canada *
23	National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism *
23	United Nations Public Service Day *
23	International Widows' Day *
24	Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day *
25	Day of the Seafarer *
25	Discovery Day
26	Int'l Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking *
26	United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture *
27	Canadian Multiculturalism Day *

* *celebrated on the same date each year*