



2011 Observances 2012

September

- Anaphylaxis Awareness Month
- Arthritis Awareness Month
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters Month
- Breakfast for Learning Month
- Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month
- 8** International Literacy Day
- 9** International Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) Day
- 10** World Suicide Prevention Day
- 11** National Grandparents Day
- 12-18** Sexual Violence Awareness Week
- 16** International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
- 18** Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research
- 18-24** National Forest Week
- 18-24** Prostate Cancer Awareness Week
- 21** International Day of Peace
- 21** World Alzheimer's Day
- 23** Fall Equinox
- 25** Police and Peace Officer's National Memorial Day
- 27** World Tourism Day
- 28** Terry Fox National School Day Run
- 29** World Heart Day
- 29** Rosh Hashanah

October

- Autism Awareness Month
- Brain Tumour Awareness Month
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Canadian Library Month
- Child Abuse Awareness Month
- Eye Health Month
- Influenza Immunization Awareness Month
- International Walk to School Month
- Learning Disabilities Awareness Month
- Lupus Awareness Month
- Occupational Therapy Month
- Psoriasis Awareness Month
- Stamp Collecting Month
- SIDS Awareness Month
- Women's History Month
- 1** International Day for Older Persons
- 2** CIBC Run for the Cure
- 2-8** Mental Illness Awareness Week
- 2-8** Animal Health Week
- 2-8** National Newspaper Week
- 3** World Habitat Day
- 3-7** Walk to School Week
- 3-30** Healthy Workplace Month
- 4** World Animal Day
- 4-10** World Space Week
- 4-10** National Family Week
- 5** World Teachers' Day
- 5** Walk to School Day
- 8** Yom Kippur
- 9** Fire Service Recognition Day
- 9** World Post Day
- 9-15** Fire Prevention Week
- 10** World Mental Health Day
- 10** Thanksgiving Day
- 12** International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction
- 14** World Standards Day
- 15** International Newspaper Carrier Day
- 16** National Boss Day
- 16** World Food Day
- 16-22** Small Business Week
- 16-22** National Chemistry Week
- 16-22** Co-op Week
- 17** International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- 17-21** National Infection Control Week
- 17-21** Kids Eat Smart Week
- 17-23** Citizenship Week
- 17-23** YWCA Week Without Violence
- 17-23** National School Safety Week
- 17-23** Waste Reduction Week in Canada
- 18** Persons Day
- 21** Kids Eat Smart Walk to Breakfast
- 22** International Stuttering Awareness Day
- 23-29** National Block Parent Week
- 24** National School Library Day
- 24** United Nations Day
- 24** World Development Information Day
- 24-30** Disarmament Week
- 30-Nov 5** Provincial Mining Week
- 31-Nov 6** Skilled Trades and Technology Week
- 31** Halloween

November

- Adoption Awareness Month
- Amaryllis Month (Huntington Society)
- CPR Awareness Month
- Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Month
- Diabetes Awareness Month
- National 4-H Month
- National Crime Prevention and Community Safety Month
- National Health Food Month
- Osteoporosis Month
- 1-7** National Technology Week
- 1-7** National Down Syndrome Awareness Week
- 2** Take Our Kids to Work Day
- 5** Guy Fawkes Day
- 5-11** Veterans' Week
- 6** Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 6** International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict
- 6-12** National Seniors' Safety Week
- 6-12** National Pain Awareness Week
- 7-11** Media Literacy Week
- 11** Remembrance Day
- 13-19** Bullying Awareness Week
- 13-19** National Marfan Awareness Week
- 13-19** Geography Awareness Week
- 13-19** National Aboriginal Addictions Awareness Week
- 13-20** Restorative Justice Week
- 14** World Diabetes Day
- 15** International Pen Day of the Imprisoned Writer
- 16** International Day for Tolerance
- 19** World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse
- 19-26** YMCA Peace Week
- 20** Africa Industrialization Day
- 20** Sir Wilfrid Laurier Day
- 20** Universal Children's Day/National Child Day
- 20** World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
- 21** World Hello Day
- 21** World Television Day
- 24-30** National Home Fire Safety Week
- 24-Dec 1** National HIV/AIDS Awareness Week
- 25** International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- 25-Dec 10** 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence
- 26** International Buy Nothing Day
- 29** International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

December

- 1** World AIDS Day
- 1-7** National Safe Driving Week
- 2** International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
- 3** International Day of Disabled Persons
- 5** International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development
- 6** National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
- 7** International Civil Aviation Day
- 9** International Anti-Corruption Day
- 10** Human Rights Day
- 11** International Mountain Day
- 18** International Migrants Day
- 19** United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation
- 20** International Human Solidarity Day
- 21** Hanukkah
- 22** Winter Solstice
- 25** Christmas Day
- 26** Boxing Day

January

- Alzheimer Awareness Month
- 1** New Year's Day
- 4** World Braille Day
- 11** Sir John A. Macdonald Day
- 15-21** National Non-Smoking Week
- 17** Raoul Wallenberg Day
- 23** Chinese New Year
- 26** Weedless Wednesday
- 26** International Customs Day
- 27** Family Literacy Day
- 27** International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 29** World Leprosy Day



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February

Black History Month
Heart Month
Violence Prevention Month

- 2** Groundhog Day
- 2** World Wetlands Day
- 4** World Cancer Day
- 5-11** International Development Week
- 5-11** White Cane Week
- 6-12** Eating Disorder Awareness Week
- 12** Sexual and Reproductive Health Day
- 14** Valentine's Day
- 15** National Flag of Canada Day
- 19-26** Scout-Guide Week
- 20** World Day of Social Justice
- 20** Heritage Day
- 21** International Mother Language Day
- 21** Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day
- 22** Ash Wednesday/Lent Begins
- 22** World Thinking Day
- 26-Mar 3** Freedom to Read Week

March

Epilepsy Awareness Month
Help Fight Liver Disease Month
Kidney Health Month
National Social Work Month
National Engineering Month
Nutrition Month
Red Cross Month
Youth Science Month

- 4** International Children's Day of Broadcasting
- 4-10** Pharmacist Awareness Week
- 4-10** International Women's Week
- 8** International Women's Day
- 8** World Kidney Day
- 9-25** Semaine nationale de la francophonie
- 11** Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 12** Commonwealth Day
- 12-18** Brain Awareness Week
- 14-20** National Farm Safety Week
- 17** St. Patrick's Day
- 20** Journée internationale de la francophonie
- 20** Spring Equinox
- 21** International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 21** World Poetry Day
- 21-25** Canadian Music Week
- 21-28** Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling Against Racism and Racial Discrimination
- 22** World Water Day
- 23** World Meteorological Day
- 24** World Tuberculosis Day
- 27** World Theatre Day

April

Daffodil Month (Canadian Cancer Society)
Irritable Bowel Syndrome Awareness Month
National Oral Health Month
National Poetry Month
Parkinson's Awareness Month

- 1** April Fool's Day
- 1** Palm Sunday
- 2** World Autism Awareness Day
- 2-8** National Wildlife Week
- 4** International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
- 6** Good Friday
- 7** Passover
- 7** World Health Day
- 7-13** National Dental Hygienists Week
- 8** Easter Sunday
- 9** Vimy Ridge Day
- 15-21** National Soil Conservation Week
- 15-21** National Organ and Tissue Donation Week
- 15-21** National Volunteer Week
- 17** Equality Day
- 17** Law Day
- 17** World Hemophilia Day
- 19** Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom HaShoah)
- 20-22** Global Youth Service Day
- 21-28** National Immunization Awareness Week
- 22** Earth Day
- 22-28** Administrative Professionals Week
- 22-28** National Victims of Crime Awareness Week

- 23** St. George's Day
- 23** World Book and Copyright Day
- 23-29** International Astronomy Week
- 25** Administrative Professionals Day
- 28** National Day of Mourning (for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace)
- 28** International Astronomy Day
- 29** International Dance Day
- 30** No Hitting Day

May

Asian Heritage Month
Celiac Awareness Month
Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month
Green Ribbon of Hope Month (Child Find Canada)
Hepatitis Awareness Month
Huntington Disease Awareness Month
MedicAlert Awareness Month
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month
National Physiotherapy Month
Speech and Hearing Awareness Month

- 1** World Asthma Day
- 1-7** National Summer Safety Week
- 1-7** Spinal Health Week
- 3** World Press Freedom Day
- 4** Space Day
- 6** International No Diet Day
- 6-12** North American Occupational Health and Safety Week
- 6-12** Emergency Preparedness Week
- 6-12** National Hospice Palliative Care Week
- 6-12** International Compost Awareness Week
- 7** Music Monday
- 7-13** National Nursing Week
- 7-13** Mental Health Week
- 8** World Red Cross Day
- 12** Canada Health Day
- 12** International Nurses Day
- 13** Mother's Day
- 13-20** Police Week
- 14-21** National Road Safety Week
- 15** International Day of Families
- 17** International Day Against Homophobia
- 17** World Telecommunication and Information Society Day
- 18** International Museum Day
- 21** Victoria Day
- 22-25** Aboriginal Awareness Week
- 25** Missing Children's Day
- 26** National Day of Healing and Reconciliation
- 28** Multiple Births Awareness Day
- 29** International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers
- 31** World No-Tobacco Day

June

ALS Awareness Month
Brain Injury Awareness Month
National Athletic Therapy Month
Seniors Month
Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month
Stroke Awareness Month
Thyroid Month

- 2-9** Water Safety Week
- 3** National Cancer Survivors Day
- 3** Canadian Forces Day
- 3-9** Canadian Environment Week
- 4** International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
- 4-10** National Sun Awareness Week
- 5** World Environment Day
- 6** Clean Air Day
- 8** World Oceans Day
- 10** Canadian Rivers Day
- 10-16** National Public Service Week
- 14** World Blood Donor Day
- 15** World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
- 17** World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
- 17** Father's Day
- 20** World Refugee Day
- 20** Summer Solstice
- 21** National Aboriginal Day
- 23** National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism
- 23** United Nations Public Service Day
- 24** Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day