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Emancipation Day

A day that commemorates the abolishment of the Slavery Act and recognizes the heritage of Ontario's Black community.

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Civic/Provincial Day

The first Monday of August is celebrated by people in many parts of Canada and is a statutory holiday in some provinces and territories.

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International Day of the World's Indigenous People

A day recognized to raise awareness of the needs of Indigenous peoples and commemorate their traditional knowledge, voices and wisdom.

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International Youth Day

An opportunity to celebrate and mainstream young people's voices, actions and initiatives, as well as their meaningful, universal and equitable engagement.

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Tisha B'Av

A Jewish day to remember various events such as the destruction of the First Temple and Second Temple in Jerusalem. It begins at sundown on the first day and ends at nightfall on the second day.

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Obon

Obon or Bon is the Japanese festival celebrated to honor the dead and spirits of their ancestors.

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Assumption of Mary

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary celebrates the Christian belief that God assumed the Virgin Mary into heaven after her death.

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National Acadian Day

Highlights the contribution of Acadians to the Canadian cultural fabric, recognizing their historical presence on the land, and celebrating their cultural specificity in all its diversity.

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Marcus Garvey Day

Marcus Garvey, a Jamaican-born Black nationalist and leader of the Pan-Africanism movement, sought to unify and connect people of African descent globally.

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Tu B'Av

Tu B'Av is a minor Jewish holiday and is celebrated as a holiday of love. It begins at sundown on the first day and ends at nightfall on the second day.

Monthly Occasions

Gastroparesis Awareness Month

Weekly Occasions

August 1-7
World Breastfeeding Week



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World Humanitarian Day

A day where the world commemorates humanitarian workers killed and injured in the course of their work, and where we honour all aid and health workers around the world.

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Raksha Bandhan

A Hindu festival that celebrates brother and sister relationships.

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International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

A day intended to inscribe the tragedy of the slave trade in the memory of all peoples. It offers an opportunity to consider the historic causes and consequences.

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Krishna Janmashtami

Janmashtami is a Hindu festival celebrating the birth (janma) of the god Krishna on the eighth (ashtami) day of the month of Bhadrapada.

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International Overdose Awareness Day

A global event that aims to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of drug-related death.



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Resource Spotlight: Embracing Diversity and Inclusion Toolkit

Embracing Diversity: A Toolkit for Supporting Inclusion in Long-Term Care Homes is an interactive resource with print and online components that gives LTC homes practical steps to nurture diverse and welcoming communities. The toolkit was created by the Ontario CLRI and was informed by the Supporting Diversity and Inclusion in Long-Term Care Advisory Committee and other experts, including persons with lived experience.

The Ontario CLRI's Supporting Diversity and Inclusion in Long-Term Care initiative aims to build workforce capacity and foster person-centred care through the identification, development and spread of information and resources that support diversity and inclusion in long-term care (LTC) homes. This initiative recognizes that care experiences can be influenced by individual circumstances, including language, ability, race, ethnicity, religion, spirituality, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status. This initiative acknowledges both resident and team member diversity.

Explore the resource online: clri-ltc.ca/embracingdiversity

