ASPECT Community Days of Significance Guide

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

In May 2023, ASPECT turned to its members and asked for help in choosing those moments in the year that are important to its community and that it should recognize. After close to two months of voting and deliberation, over 50 days of significance were selected by ASPECT's community.

This guide includes BC statutory holidays, which are public holidays fixed by law, as well as celebrations and observances selected by ASPECT's community, its members. This is meant to be a living document and is by no means exhaustive.

Most dates listed in this guide are the same each year, except for when it is mentioned that dates vary based on corresponding calendars.

ASPECT COMMUNITY DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

ASPECT recognizes the following days of significance throughout the calendar year:

January

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New Year's Day – January 1st Lunar/Chinese New Year – Dates vary based on corresponding calendars

February

Black History Month White Cane Week – First full week of February Family Day – Third Monday of February World Day of Social Justice – February 20 BC Heritage Week – Third full week of February

March

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Community Social Services Awareness Month International Women's Day – March 8 Social Work Week – Third full week of March Spring Equinox – March 19, 20, or 21 Two-Spirit Celebration and Awareness Day – March 20 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination – March 21 Ramadan – Dates vary based on corresponding calendars International Transgender Day of Visibility – March 31

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ASPECT COMMUNITY DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE - CONTINUED

March/April

Good Friday – Dates vary based on corresponding calendars Creative Industries Week – Dates vary year to year

April

Construction and Skilled Trades Month Sikh Heritage Month Passover – Dates vary based on corresponding calendars Education Week – Fourth week of April World Day for Safety and Health at Work – April 28

May

Asian Heritage Month Jewish Heritage Month Buddhist Culture Day – May 7 British Columbia Economic Development Week – Second week in May National Nursing Week – Usually in May, dates vary based on the theme Moose Hide Campaign Day – May 11 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development – May 21 Victoria Day - Last Monday preceding May 25 BC Anti-Racism Awareness Week – Fourth week of May National AccessAbility Week – Last week of May

ASPECT COMMUNITY DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE - CONTINUED

June

National Indigenous History Month Pride Month Summer Solstice – June 20 or 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day – June 21 Canadian Multiculturalism Day – June 27

July

Disability Pride Month Canada Day – July 1st World Youth Skills Day – July 15

August

B.C. Day – First Monday of August International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples – August 9 International Youth Day – August 12

September

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Labour Day – First Monday of September Rosh Hashanah – Dates vary based on corresponding calendars Fall Equinox - September 22 or 23 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – September 30

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ASPECT COMMUNITY DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE - CONTINUED

October

Women's History Month Islamic History Month Thanksgiving – Second Monday of October Yom Kippur – Dates vary based on corresponding calendars International Day for the Eradication of Poverty – October 17 BC Non-Profit Day – October 30

November

Indigenous Disability Awareness Month Community Employment Service Providers Week – First full week of November Remembrance Day – November 11

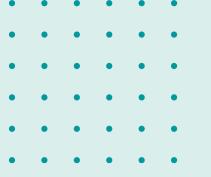
December

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International Day of Persons with Disabilities – December 3rd Human Rights Day – December 10 Winter Solstice – December 21 or 22 Christmas Day – December 25 Hanukkah – Dates vary based on corresponding calendars



Thank you to our members for participating in this ASPECT-led community development project.





