

## Proposed Flag & Sign Recognition Calendar

The dates below are compiled based dates recognized by the Ontario Provincial Government<sup>i</sup>, and relevant dates from the Canadian Federal Government<sup>ii</sup>. All community requested dates that are not on this list would be evaluated based on the criteria outlined in the draft Flag & Sign Protocol.

Date	National Day or Observance	Authority	City of Hamilton Recognition
<b>JANUARY</b>			
January	Tamil Heritage Month	Federal	Sign = yellow, green
1 January	New Year’s Day	Federal	Sign = multicolour
11 January	Sir John A. Macdonald Day	Federal	Sign = red, white, red
17 January	Raoul Wallenberg Day	Federal	Sign = blue and yellow
21 January	Lincoln Alexander Day	Federal	Sign = red, green, gold
24 January	World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture	Federal	Sign = red, green, gold
27 January	International Holocaust Remembrance Day	Federal	Sign = yellow Flag = lowered
29 January	National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action against Islamophobia	Federal	Sign = green Flag = lowered
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
February	Black History Month	Federal	Sign = red, green, gold
15 February	National Flag of Canada Day	Federal	Sign = red, white, red
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in February	Family Day	Ontario	Sign = multicolour
<b>MARCH</b>			
March	Bangladeshi Heritage Month	Ontario	Sign = green, red
March	Irish Heritage Month	Federal	Sign = green
8 March	International Women’s Day	Federal	Sign = purple
14 March	Commonwealth Day	Federal	Sign = blue, red, white
21 March	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	Federal	Sign = red
31 March	International Transgender Day of Visibility	Federal	Sign = blue, pink, white
<b>APRIL</b>			
April	Sikh Heritage Day	Federal	Sign = blue, orange

<b>April</b>	Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation, and Prevention Month	Federal	Flag = lowered
<b>9 April</b>	Vimy Ridge Day	Federal	Flag = lowered
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of April</b>	International Day of Pink	Federal	Sign = pink
<b>April 27-28</b>	Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)	Federal	Sign = yellow Flag = lowered
<b>28 April</b>	Workers Mourning Day	Federal	Sign = dimmed Flag = lowered
<b>MAY</b>			
<b>May</b>	Canadian Jewish Heritage Month	Federal	Sign = blue
<b>May</b>	Asian Heritage Month	Federal	Sign = red
<b>May</b>	Polish Heritage Month	Provincial	Sign = white, red
<b>May</b>	South Asian Heritage Month	Provincial	Sign = red
<b>5 May</b>	South Asian Arrival Day	Provincial	Sign = red
<b>5 May</b>	Dutch Heritage Day	Federal	Sign = red, white, blue
<b>5 May</b>	Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2 Spirited People	Federal	Sign = red
<b>17 May</b>	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia	Federal	Sign = rainbow
<b>21 May</b>	Ontario Flag Day	Provincial	Sign = Red, Blue, Green, Gold
<b>24 May</b>	Victoria Day	Federal	Sign = red, blue, white
<b>JUNE</b>			
<b>June</b>	Seniors Month	Provincial	Sign = multicolour
<b>June</b>	National Indigenous Heritage Month	Federal	Sign = White, Yellow, Red, Orange
<b>June</b>	Italian Heritage Month	Federal	Sign = green, white, red
<b>June</b>	Filipino Heritage Month	Federal	Sign = gold, blue, red
<b>June</b>	Portuguese Heritage Month	Federal	Sign = green, red
<b>June</b>	Pride Season	Federal	Sign = rainbow Flag = progress pride & transgender flag
<b>19 June</b>	United Empire Loyalists Day	Provincial	Sign = blue, red, white
<b>21 June</b>	National Indigenous Peoples Day	Federal	Sign = white, yellow, red, orange

<b>23 June</b>	National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism	Federal	Sign = dimmed Flag = lowered
<b>24 June</b>	Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day / Fête nationale du Québec	Federal	Sign = blue
<b>27 June</b>	Canadian Multiculturalism Day	Federal	Sign = multicoloured
<b>JULY</b>			
<b>July</b>	Egyptian Heritage Day	Provincial	Sign = red, white
<b>1 July</b>	Canada Day	Federal	Sign = red, white, red
<b>10 July</b>	Nikola Tesla Day	Provincial	Sign = yellow
<b>AUGUST</b>			
<b>1 August</b>	Emancipation Day	Federal	Sign = red, green, gold
<b>2 August</b>	George Hamilton Day	Municipal	Sign = blue, yellow
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> week of August</b>	Public Service Pride Week	Federal	Sign = blue, yellow
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
<b>7 September</b>	Ukrainian Heritage Day	Provincial	Sign = blue, yellow
<b>10 September</b>	Firefighters National Memorial Day	Federal	Sign = red Flag = lowered
<b>24 September</b>	Police and peace Officers National Memorial Day	Federal	Sign = blue Flag = lowered
<b>25 September</b>	Franco Ontarian Day	Provincial	Sign = green, white
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of September</b>	Gender Equality Week	Federal	Sign = pink, purple, blue
<b>30 September</b>	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Federal	Sign = orange
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
<b>October</b>	German Heritage Month	Federal	Sign = red, yellow
<b>October</b>	Canadian Islamic History Month	Federal	Sign = green
<b>October</b>	Women’s History Month	Federal	Sign = pink
<b>October</b>	Latin American Heritage Month	Federal	Sign = Green, red, blue, white, yellow
<b>October</b>	Hispanic Heritage Month	Provincial	Sign = red, yellow, orange
<b>1 October</b>	National Seniors Day		Sign = blue, white
<b>11 October</b>	International Day of the Girl Child	Federal	Sign = pink
<b>18 October</b>	Persons Day	Federal	Sign = multicolour
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
<b>November</b>	Albanian Heritage Month	Provincial	Red

<b>November</b>	Hindu Heritage Month	Federal	Sign = orange
<b>5-11 November</b>	Treaties Recognition Week	Provincial	Sign = white, yellow, red, orange
<b>5-11 November</b>	Veterans Week	Federal	Sign = red Flag = lowered
<b>8 November</b>	Indigenous Veterans Day	Federal	Sign = white, yellow, red, orange Flag = lowered
<b>11 November</b>	Remembrance Day	Federal	Sign = red Flag = lowered
<b>20 November</b>	National Child Day	Federal	Sign = multicolour
<b>20 November</b>	Transgender Day of Remembrance	Federal	Sign = blue, pink, white
<b>20-26 November</b>	Canadian History Week	Federal	Sign = red, white, red
<b>15 November – 10 December</b>	16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence	Federal	Sign = red
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
<b>3 December</b>	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	Federal	Sign = purple
<b>6 December</b>	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	Federal	Sign = dimmed Flag = lowered
<b>10 December</b>	Human Rights Day	Federal	Sign = multicolour
<b>11 December</b>	Anniversary of the <i>Statute of Westminster</i>	Federal	Sign = blue, red, white

<sup>i</sup> <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontarios-celebrations-and-commemorations> - note, not all dates recognized via provincial legislation are captured on this page, so some additional dates have been added that have legislative support (e.g., treaties week).

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/important-commemorative-days.html>