

Diversity Calendar

July 2022

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July 1st Turtle Island/Canada Canada Day

Marks the enactment of the Constitution Act in 1867, which formed the united nation now known as Canada. Those celebrating are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action.

July 4th America Independence Day

Marks the Declaration of Independence signed on July 4, 1776 after the original 13 colonies now known as the United States of America gained independence from Britain.

July 8th Islam Waqf al Arafa

Second day of Hajj, which is the yearly Islamic pilgrimage that takes place in Mecca. It lasts for 5 days and is one of the five pillars of the Islamic faith. Muslims are required to perform Hajj at least once in their life time if they can afford to do so.

July 9th Islam Eid Ul-Adha

A celebration that takes place on the third day of Hajj to commemorate the sacrifice made by Prophet Ibrahim as proof of his absolute faith in one God. It is traditional to sacrifice an animal such as a sheep/goat/cow and share it as charity with those who are less fortunate.

July 9th Baha'i Martyrdom of the Báb

An observation to commemorate the execution of the Báb (founder of the Baha'i faith) in 1850, as ordered by the Persian Empire.

July 13th Buddhism Asalha Puja

This is a celebration amongst the Theravada Buddhist community, (Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia, Sri Lanka and Laos) of the first sermon by the Buddha following his enlightenment. It is one of the most important celebrations in the Buddhist Community.

July 14th France Bastille Day

This day in 1789 marked the start of the French Revolution after the storming of a prison in Paris known as the Bastille, which held a number of political prisoners.

July 14th Global International Non-Binary People's Day

A day to raise awareness of the difficulties faced by non-binary people.

July 18th Global Nelson Mandela International Day

The U.N. General Assembly announced this day in 2009 to recognize Nelson Mandela's speech and call to young people to take leadership and address the world's social injustices. It is also Nelson Mandela's birthday

July Fun facts

The month of July was named after Julius Caesar. Caesar invented the Julian calendar, which was eventually succeeded by the Gregorian calendar still in use today.

July 17th is National Emoji Day. Have some fun and reach out to a friend or three!



July 29 - 30th Islam Hijri New Year

Islamic New Year. It is the year 1443. Islam is the youngest religion of all the major religions and the fastest growing religion in the world. Happy New Year to everyone who celebrates.

July 30th Global International Day of Friendship

A day announced by the U.N. General Assembly in 2011, for bridging friendships between people, cultures, religions, countries and communities.

About the Calendar

This calendar shows some of the multicultural celebrations for the month of June 2022. There may be some celebrations that have not been included in this calendar and customs may vary. If you would like Afsana to add a special holiday or vary the customs, please send an email at afsana@gcmediation.com.

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