

# MULTICULTURAL & DIVERSITY NEWSLETTER

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## MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

- Hindu Heritage Month (Canada)
- Lebanese Heritage Month (Canada)
- National Indigenous Month (USA)

## NOV 2

### Dia de los Muertos



This day is also known as the day of the dead, and is celebrated in parts of the USA and Central America. Families build altars in their homes surrounded with flowers, food and burning candles.

## NOV 3

### Bunka No Hi (Japan)



A national holiday dedicated to the love of freedom and promotion of Japanese culture.

## NOV 1

### Diwali (Sikh, Hindu)



Diwali means "row of lights" and is the Hindu New Year. It symbolizes the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. The celebrations generally last five or six days.

## NOV 11

### Remembrance Day (Australia, Canada, UK) Veterans Day (USA)



This day commemorates the soldiers killed in World Wars I and II and is in remembrance for all those who have given their lives in service of their country. In the USA, it commemorates the termination (at 11 AM on Nov 11, 1918) of World War I.

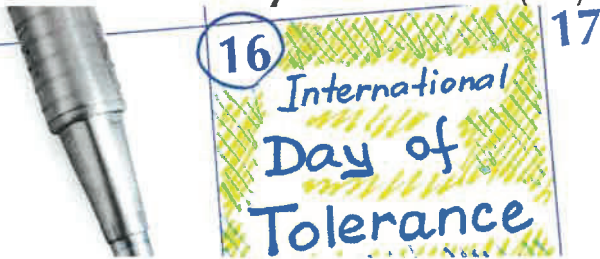


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**NOV 16**

**International Day of Tolerance (UN)**



The International Day for Tolerance is an annual observance day declared by UNESCO in 1995 to generate public awareness of the dangers of intolerance. The purpose is to help people understand tolerance, human rights, and non-violence.

**NOV 19**

**Discovery Day (Puerto Rico)**



A celebration of the day Christopher Columbus found Puerto Rico on his second voyage to the New World in 1493.

**NOV 28**

**Thanksgiving Day (USA)**

Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. Early American settlers gave thanks for good harvests by decorating their churches with fruits and vegetables and celebrating dinner with venison and waterfowl. It is also a time to gather with family and friends, share a traditional meal, and express gratitude for the good things in life.



## Independence Days

- Nov 1 - Antigua & Barbuda
- Nov 3 - Panama, Dominica
- Nov 8 - Cambodia
- Nov 11 - Poland
- Nov 18 - Latvia, Morocco
- Nov 22 - Lebanon
- Nov 28 - Albania
- Nov 30 - Barbados

## National Days

- Nov 15 - National Day (Palestine)
- Nov 15 - Republic Day (Brazil)
- Nov 24 - National Day (Bosnia)
- Nov 28 - National Day (Panama)

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