

5 Things You May Not Know About National Indigenous Peoples Day

We all hear about National Indigenous Peoples Day through the various media types, but many don't know the history and cultural significance of the celebration. We've put together 5 Things You May Not Know About National Indigenous Peoples Day.



1. National Aboriginal Day (now National Indigenous Peoples Day) was announced in 1996 by then Governor General of Canada, Roméo LeBlanc, through [the Proclamation Declaring June 21 of Each Year as National Aboriginal Day](#). This was the result of consultation and statements of support for such a day made by various Indigenous groups. On June 21, 2017, the Prime Minister issued a [statement](#) announcing the intention to rename this day National Indigenous Peoples Day.



2. Did you know that in cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21, the [summer solstice](#), for National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is the day with the longest period of daylight. For generations, many [Indigenous peoples and communities](#) have celebrated their [culture](#) and heritage on or near this day.

3. Yes, there are official #hashtags. If your going to share your experiences or want to see how others are [celebrating on National Indigenous Peoples Day](#), don't forget these official social media hashtags. #NIPD2022 and #NIPDCanada





4. Did you know that National Indigenous Peoples Day falls within [National Indigenous History Month](#). During the month of June we are all encouraged to take the time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples across Canada.

5. Is National Indigenous Peoples Day a statutory holiday in Canada? NO, but in 2001 the Northwest Territories were the first to recognize the day as a statutory holiday followed by the Yukon in 2017. June 21 was originally proposed as a statutory holiday in Canada. After consultation that included Indigenous groups, September 30th, The [National Day For Truth And Reconciliation](#), was instead chosen as a federal statutory holiday.

Not Sure How To Participate On National Indigenous Peoples Day ?

Learning about Indigenous Peoples history and culture is a step forward each Canadian can take on the path to [reconciliation](#). Here are a few links to activities, both online and in person.

[National Indigenous Peoples Day 2022](#)

[11 Way To Virtually Celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day \(2020\)](#)

[Celebrate Canada List Of Events from Coast to Coast](#)