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RED EARTH FAIR (INDIGENOUS-CANADA AND USA)

June 1-3- cultural festival takes place in Oklahoma City for 3 days. Over 150 Native tribes from U.S. and Canada agther in downtown Oklahoma City to share and participate in their rich and diverse heritage through highest quality original art, drum and dance juried competitions.

GAWAI DAYAK (MALAYSIA)

June 1- This day marks the traditional rice harvest. Rituals are performed to express thanks to the spirits of the paddy with requests for a better harvest during the next planting season. It is an open house for friends and relatives with celebrations usually lasting three days.

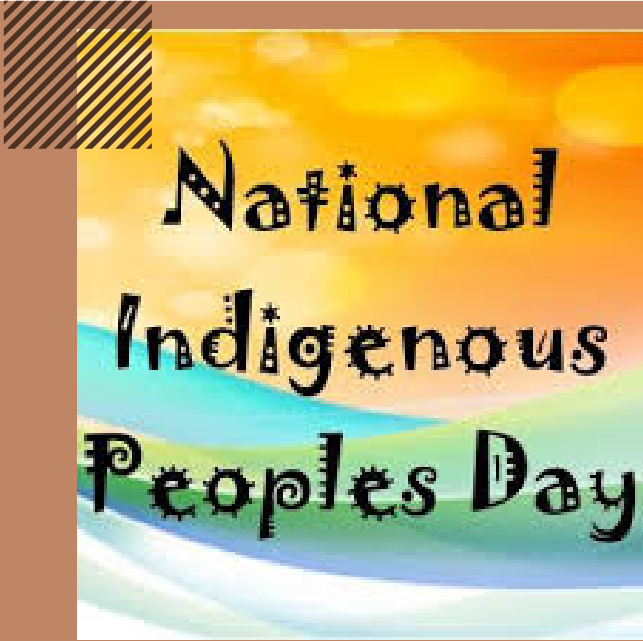


FATHER'S DAY (CANADA, USA, and UK)

June 18- The origins of the day to honor fathers began in 1910, when Louise Dodd of Spokane, Washington, suggested to her minister that a day be set aside. Her own father was a Civil War veteran who raised his six children on the family farm after his wife died in childbirth. Interest in the day grew, and in 1966 a presidential proclamation established Father's Day as the third Sunday in June.

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NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY (CANADA)

June 21- This is an event growing in importance in Canada when the outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Metis are recognized.



DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL (CHINA, HONG KONG)

June 22- This day honours the patriot poet Chu Yuan who drowned himself in the Milo River, south of China in protest of the political injustice in 277 B.C. The villagers raced to the river and jumped into dragon boats but never found him. As they searched, they beat drums to scare off fish and dragons that might attack his mortal remains. It is a holiday celebrated by boat races in the shape of dragons.



DIA DE SAN JUAN (PUERTO RICO)

June 24- This day commemorates the island's patron saint, St. John the Baptist. People gather at the beaches in the afternoon. Then at midnight, they jump into the ocean backwards three times to symbolize baptism, immersion and new life. The celebration continues with families gathering to enjoy music, food and dancing.

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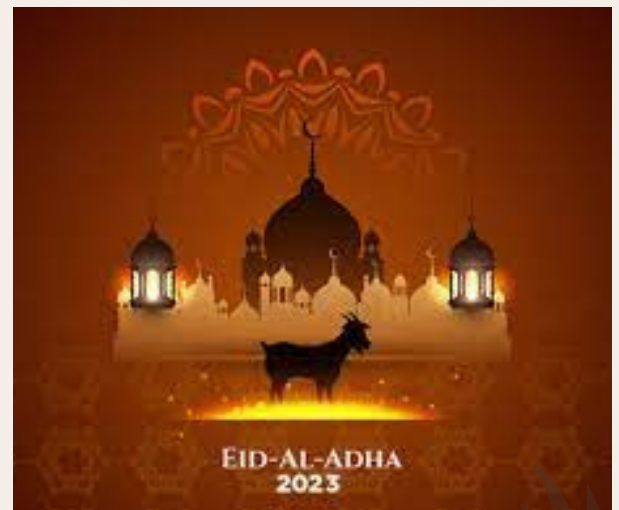
MULTICULTURALISM DAY (CANADA)

June 27- The Government of Canada officially recognized June 27th as Canadian Multiculturalism Day on November 13, 2002. This day acknowledges the contributions that various communities make to Canadian society and to celebrate the country's richness and diversity.



EID-ul-ADHA (ISLAM)

June 28- It concludes the Hajj and is a three-day festival celebrating Abraham's test of obedience to Allah when he was asked to sacrifice his son Ismael. At the last minute, Allah replaced Ismael with a lamb. Since Eid is determined by the first sighting of the new moon, the date varies by a day depending on whether the Saudi Arabian or North American sighting is being observed. This calendar follows the North American dates which is a day later.



Stonewall Rebellion Day (LGBT)

June 28- This day commemorates the U.S. anniversary of the protest against police harassment in New York City's Greenwich Village in 1969. The event has been commemorated by a Pride Parade each year in New York City on the last Sunday in June. Events and Pride Parades are held in many metropolitan cities throughout the United States and Canada.

Reference

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