

Commemorative Dates recognized by Northumberland County

The below list represents dates recognized annually by Northumberland County. Northumberland County recognizes these dates with a social media post on corporate social media channels (Facebook and Twitter). The recognized dates will be included in the [events calendar](#) on the County's webpage.

The table also indicates dates where the County recognizes the day with a Council proclamation, lowers flags in recognition, or raises a flag on the community flagpole. Each year's office closures will be outlined below, a social media post will be published prior to these dates as a notification to the public. Building lights may be lit in recognition of certain dates, these dates and associated colours are specified in the table below.

Flags are also lowered to mark ad hoc dates of significance not included on the list below, as stipulated in the Corporate Flag Policy, and individuals/organizations in the community may submit an application to have a flag raised on the community flag pole, per the policy.

The County typically reserves flag raising ceremonies for events that include:

- Related announcements (eg: a funding announcement or new partnership related to the day being recognized)
- Milestones (eg: the 25th anniversary of a given day of recognition)
- Significant visuals (eg: demonstrations, infrastructure, or other visual to feature for the media)
- OR where the flag raising ceremony at the County acts as an anchor event for something similar taking place at multiple member municipalities

Commemorative Event	Observation Date	Proclamation	Department/Role Responsible for Proclamation	Committee Meeting Date	Flag Lowering/Raising	Building Lighting	Other recognition
New Year's Day	January 1				No	No	n/a
National Ribbon Skirt Day	January 4				No	No	n/a
International Holocaust Remembrance Day	January 27				Lowering	Yellow	n/a
Family Literacy Day	January 27				No	No	• EarlyON events
National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia	January 29				Lowering	No	n/a
Black history Month	February	✓	Communications	January 24, 2024	No	No	n/a
Family Day	February 19				No	No	n/a
International Mother Language Day	February 21				No	No	n/a
Pink Shirt Day (Anti-bullying day)	February 28				No	No	n/a
Amyloidosis Awareness Month	March	✓	External – Submitted for 2024	February 6, 2024	No	No	n/a
International Women's Day	March 8				No	No	n/a

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International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	March 21				No	No	n/a
Ramadan	March 10				No	No	n/a
International Transgender Day of Visibility	March 31				No	No	n/a
Dig Safe Month	April	✓	Public works	March 4, 2024	Raising	No	Media Release
Archives Awareness Week	April 1 - 5	✓	NCAM		No	No	n/a
Eid al-Fitr	April 10				No	No	n/a
Good Friday	March 29				No	No	n/a
Easter	March 31				No	No	n/a
National Volunteer Week	April 14 -20	✓	Communications	April 4, 2024	No	No	n/a
Passover	April 22				No	No	n/a
Earth Day	April 22	✓	Communications	April 4, 2024	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mayors' Keep the County Clean Challenge

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							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 20-Minute Makeover • EarlyON Events • Media Release
National Day of Mourning	April 28	✓	HSEP	April 2, 2024	Lowered	Yellow	Media Release
MS Awareness Month	May	✓	External – on request		Raising – on request	No	n/a
Museum Month	May	✓	NCAM	April 2, 2024	No	No	n/a
First Responders Day	May 1	✓	Communications	April 2, 2024	No	No	n/a
National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Peoples (MMIWG2SLGBTQQIA)	May 5				No	No	n/a
Provincial Day of Action on Litter	May 13				No	No	No

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Emergency Preparedness week & Safety and health Week	May 6 – 11 (Safety and Health) May 5-11 (Emergency Preparedness)	✓	HSEP	April 2, 2024	No	No	n/a
National Nurses Week	Week of May 12	✓	Communications	April 2, 2024	No	No	n/a
International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia	May 17				No	No	n/a
International Museum Day	May 18				No	No	n/a
National Public Works Week	May 19 – 25	✓	Public Works	April 29, 2024	No	No	n/a
Paramedic Services Week	May 19 – 25	✓	Paramedics	April 30, 2024	No	No	n/a
Victoria Day	May 20				No	No	n/a
Menstrual Hygiene Day	May 28	✓	External – on request		No	No	n/a
National AccessAbility Week	May 25 – June 1	✓	Accessibility Coordinator	April 30, 2024	No	No	n/a
Pride Month	June	✓	Communications	April 30, 2024	Raising	No	Media Release

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National Indigenous History Month	June	✓	CAO	April 30, 2024	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EarlyON events
Seniors Month	June	✓	Communications	April 30, 2024	No	No	n/a
National Public Services Week	June 9-15				No	No	n/a
Eid al-Adha	June 16				No	No	n/a
National Indigenous Peoples Day	June 21	✓ (Together with National Indigenous History Month)	CAO	April 30, 2024	No	Orange	n/a
National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism	June 23				Lowering	No	n/a
Canadian Multiculturalism Day	June 27				No	No	n/a
Canada Day	July 1				No	No	n/a
National Drowning Prevention Week	July 21-27				No	No	n/a
Emancipation Day	August 1				No	No	n/a

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Civic Holiday	August 5				No	No	n/a
International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples	August 9				No	No	n/a
Labour Day	September 2				No	No	n/a
National Payroll week	September 3 - 7				No	No	n/a
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day	September 9	✓	External – On request		No	No	n/a
Hunger Action Month	September	✓	CSS	July 31, 2024	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunger Action calendar
Powley Day	September 19				No	No	n/a
National Forest Week	September 22-28	✓	Natural Heritage	September 3, 2024	No	No	n/a
Gender Equality Week	September 22-28				No	No	n/a
Local Love Week	September 22-28	✓	External – United Way on request	September 3, 2024	No	No	n/a
Rail Safety Week	September 23 – 29	✓	Public Works	September 5, 2024	No	No	n/a
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	September 30	✓	CAO	September 3, 2024	Raising	Orange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orange Shirt Day

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Women's History Month	October				No	No	n/a
Hispanic Heritage Month	October	✓	Settlement Services	September 4, 2024	No	No	n/a
Cyber Security Month	October	✓	IT		No	No	n/a
Rosh Hashanah	October 2 – 4				No	No	n/a
World Homelessness Day	October 10	✓	Community and Social Services	September 4, 2024	No	No	n/a
Yom Kippur	October 11 – 12				No	No	n/a
Fire Prevention Week	Second week in October (October 6 – 12)				No	No	n/a
Thanksgiving Day	October 14				No	No	n/a
Ontario Agriculture Week	Second Week in October (October 6 – 12)	✓	Legislative Services	September 4, 2024	No	No	n/a
Waste Reduction Week	Third week in October	✓	Waste	September 5, 2024	No	No	n/a

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	(October 13 – 19)						
Local Government Week	Third week in October (October 13 – 19)	✓	Communications	September 3, 2024	No	No	n/a
Small Business Week	October 20-26				No	No	n/a
Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day	Mid-late October	✓	C&SS	September 4, 2024	No	No	n/a
Dress Purple Day	End of October	✓	External request	October 2, 2024	Yes – on request	Purple	n/a
Diwali	November 1				No	No	n/a
Treaties Recognition Week	November 4-9				No	No	n/a
Indigenous Veterans Day	November 8				No	No	n/a
Remembrance Day	November 11				Lowering	No	Media Release
Louis Riel Day	November 16				No	No	n/a
GIS Day	November 20				No	No	n/a
Transgender Awareness Week	November 13 - 20	✓	Communications	October 1, 2024	Raising – Communications flag applications	No	n/a

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National Housing Day	November 22	✓	Housing	October 2, 2024	No	No	n/a
International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women & 16 Days of Activism Against Gender based violence	November 25	✓	Communications	November 5, 2024	Raising	No	n/a
International Day of Persons with Disabilities	December 3	✓	Accessibility Coordinator	November 5, 2024	No	No	n/a
National Day of Remembrance and action on Violence Against Women	December 6	✓	Communications	November 5, 2024	Lowering	No	n/a
Christmas Day	December 25				No	No	n/a
Hanukkah	December 25 – January 3				No	No	n/a
Boxing Day	December 26				No	No	n/a