

The following dates were found as days of awareness related to Indigenous issues:

DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
May 5, National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit (MMIWG2S) Red Dress Day Alberta.ca Indigenous leaders, victims' families call for urgent action as MMIWG report filed to province Cold Lake Sun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 5 began as “Red Dress Day” inspired by REDdress art installation by Métis artist, Jaime Black. • People across North America hang red dresses in private and public spaces to remember missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls and in solidarity with family members and loved ones. • Demonstrations, gatherings and walks are held across the country on this day. • the City of Cold Lake sees several demonstrations/gatherings occurring in the City to bring awareness to MMIWG2S. • the Alberta Joint Working Group on MMIWG are anticipating publishing of their final report in the Spring 2022.
September 30, National Day of Truth and Reconciliation National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Canada.ca Over 750 unmarked graves found near former Indigenous school in Canada, group says (nbcnews.com) Finding unmarked graves put spotlight on reconciliation in 2021 CTV News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept. 30 honours the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. • The creation of this federal statutory holiday was through legislative amendments made by Parliament on June 3, 2021. • Coincides with “Orange Shirt Day.” • Brought to the forefront in 2021 due to the announcement by the Tk'emupstec Secwepemc nation in BC's interior that 215 unmarked graves were discovered at former residential school property. Hundreds of unmarked graves continue to be found throughout the country by First Nations communities.
October 4, Sisters in Spirit Day Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada The Canadian Encyclopedia Sisters in Spirit Day Alberta.ca Sisters in Spirit Virtual Vigil, October 4, 2021 • Native Women's Association of Canada (nwac.ca)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiated by Native Women's Association of Canada in 2005. • Recognized by the Government of Manitoba in 2017 as a day to honour MMIWG. • The Alberta government recognizes this day in honour of the more than 1,200 missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, and gender diverse peoples across Canada, and shows support for their loved ones. • Vigils are held across the country, organized by community members.
November 8, Indigenous Veterans Day Nov. 8 marks National Aboriginal Veterans Day - Canada.ca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established in Manitoba in 1994 and has since spread across the country. • Acknowledges the many contributions and sacrifices of Indigenous peoples not only to Canada's war efforts but to its peacekeeping reputation. • Making efforts to better understand the role Indigenous Veterans have played in Canada, and expressing our heartfelt gratitude.
November 16, Louis Riel Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honours the life of Métis leader and founder of Manitoba, Louis Riel. • Anniversary of Riel's execution in 1885.

Below outlines what some of the municipalities have implemented:

Municipality	Flags Flown	Policy
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Calgary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Canada 2. Alberta 3. Royal Union 4. Calgary 5. Treaty 7 	<p>Flags flown at half mast at City Hall:</p> <p>a) Dignitaries (such as current provincial ministers/senator from Calgary or Alberta; former Mayors & Councillors and Current Treaty 7 Chiefs.)</p> <p>b) Solemn occasions may arise not covered within this Council policy. In those cases, Protocol will liaise with the Mayor's Office, City Clerk, City Manager's Office, Alberta Protocol, and Canadian Heritage as required.</p>
RMWB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Canada 2. Alberta 3. Municipal 4. Treaty 8 5. Métis 	<p>Flags will be lowered at Half Mast for:</p> <p>5.2.2. a solemn occasion for the community, applicable only to the lowering of the Municipal Flag, the Treaty 8 Flag, and the Métis Flag(s)</p>
Regina	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Canada 2. Saskatchewan 3. Union Jack 4. Regina 5. Treaty 4 6. Métis 	<p>Flags lowered for the death of federal, provincial and municipal dignitaries (incl. past mayor and councilors)</p> <p>Municipal flags lowered on the occasion of the death of a First Nation or Métis Elder who is Regina-based and recognized, a federal, provincial or local First Nation or Métis elected leader currently presiding in that role.</p>
Strathcona County	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Canada 2. Alberta 3. Strathcona County 4. Treaty 6 5. Métis 	<p>Flags lowered at all municipal properties for dignitaries; including current leader of Treaty 6, current leader of Métis Nation, current Mayor or Councilor.</p>

- Note: Edmonton, Lethbridge, Saskatoon flags flown half-mast in accordance with "protocol." Set by office of Prime Minister (Canadian Heritage), of Premier (provincial protocol) or at discretion of City Clerks/Mayor/CAO.